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Militia in Lebanon Sets Free French Colonel in UN Unit

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METULLA, Israel — Militiamen in south Lebanon holding 21 French soldiers as hostages released a French officer they had also taken captive, a UN spokesman said Sunday.
The spokesman, Timor Gökse said that Colonel Jean-Michel Blomdijian had been held since Friday, but that the United Nations had only learned of his detention on Sunday. Colonel Blomdijian serves with the French unit of the UN forces in Lebanon.
The French troops were taken hostage by members of the Israeli-backed South Lebanon Army in an effort to secure the release of 11 militiamen held by Shiite Moslem guerrillas. The commander of the South Lebanon Army, Brigadier General Antoine Lahad, said he had ordered his men to release the Frenchman.
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The general stressed that "this regrettable affair will not be over until our men are released." Leaders of the Shiite Amal militia holding the 11 South Lebanon Army men, all Shiites, have refused to let them go.
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UN troops blocked access to Qantara, Lebanon, where two of 21 hostages were being held.

The soldiers of the 5,600-man UN Interim Force in Lebanon, known as UNIFIL, have been caught in the cross fire between the mainly Christian South Lebanon Army and the Amal militia trying to dislodge them from Israel's buffer zone in southern Lebanon.
Beirut newspapers speculated that the hostage seizure was engineered by Israel to pressure the 10-nation UN force to withdraw from southern Lebanon.
Israel has long insisted that the UN troops, which have patrolled south Lebanon since 1978, have "outlived" their usefulness.
Because of the standoff, an Israeli military source said, military authorities restricted media access to south Lebanon and barred journalists from the area.
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Soviet to Stress Offense Against SDI, Officer Says

By Jim Hoagland and Dusko Doder
Washington Post Service
MOSCOW — The Soviet Union will not attempt to match the Reagan administration's costly military program in space but will instead concentrate on building cheaper offensive nuclear missiles that could overwhelm an American shield, one of the Soviet Union's highest-ranking generals has asserted in an interview.
"We are not going to take the path that the U.S. administration is trying to force us onto," Colonel General Nikolai Chervov said Friday. "We have made it clear that we will not ape the United States" in spending billions on a space system.
In addition, General Chervov suggested that Moscow had concluded that the arms control process that has governed U.S.-Soviet relations for two decades is on the verge of collapse despite the resumption of negotiations between the two nations in Geneva.
General Chervov is a senior department head on the Soviet general staff. He characterized his remarks as personal views, but he is a central figure in Soviet strategic policy-making, and his views are thought to represent those of the Soviet military establishment.
His remarks during a two-hour conversation with two American journalists also provided an authoritative Soviet view of the negotiating deadlock in the Geneva talks, which cover space weapons, strategic nuclear missiles and intermediate-range rockets stationed in Europe.
General Chervov said that the U.S. negotiators were countering the Soviet Union's demand at Geneva for a total ban on the proposed Strategic Defense Initiative by "proposing to us that we agree about some rules of conduct for the arms race in space — that is, what particular weapons shall be developed and at what time."
The Soviet Union "demands a complete ban on attack weapons in space," he said. "We want to prevent an arms race in space altogether. And we must ask what the United States is proposing to prevent this."
Moscow has mounted a major campaign in recent months to discredit the SDI, known popularly as "star wars," accusing the United States of planning to put first-strike nuclear weapons into space.
The United States has denied this, and General Chervov's remarks were evidently intended to provide a comprehensive response to U.S. public statements. He reiterated the Soviet Union's willingness to cut its intercontinental missile force by 25 percent "or more" in return for a ban on the space defense system and an equal cut in U.S. long-range missiles.
That proposal, which was voiced by the Soviet leader, Mikhail S. Gorbachev, in a speech in Warsaw in late April, starts from the ceiling of 2,400 missile launchers permitted under the strategic arms limitation treaty known as SALT-2. General Chervov specified.
U.S. officials said that the proposal had not been proposed formally in Geneva during the first round of talks, which ended April 23 without any noticeable progress. It is not known whether the Soviet negotiators have proposed it in the second round.
General Chervov went to some lengths to establish at the beginning of the conversation that "the Soviet Union is not afraid of the SDI."
"We are not afraid of some sort of technological breakthrough or that the United States will get a decisive advantage or superiority through superiority through the SDI," he added.
His comments seemed to suggest that Moscow had reached certain basic decisions about how to proceed with its strategic programs in case the arms control process collapsed.
Many of the points he made had been articulated in a more oblique form recently by the defense minister, Marshal Sergei L. Sokolov, and the chief of staff, Marshal Sergei F. (Continued on Page 2, Col. 7)

Bad Dream at State Dept.: Agreement With the PLO

By Bernard Gwertzman
New York Times Service
WASHINGTON — A senior State Department official said recently that his "nightmare" was that the Palestine Liberation Organization would agree to all the conditions set by the United States for recognition by Washington, provoking a new crisis in American relations with Israel.
"What would happen then is that we'd have to do what we promised and talk to the PLO, and Israel would probably go off the reservation," the expert on Middle East affairs said. "And instead of being able to concentrate on peace negotiations, we'd have to spend our time pacifying the Israelis. That's my personal nightmare."
So far, the PLO has not accepted unequivocally the U.S. conditions — recognition of Israel's right to exist and acceptance of United Nations Security Council Resolutions 242 and 338.
Yasser Arafat, the PLO leader, said in an interview in The Wall Street Journal on Friday that he still was holding off on a public declaration. But he did not repudiate King Hussein of Jordan, who said publicly in Washington last week that the PLO had accepted the U.S. terms and was ready to name members of a joint delegation with Jordan to negotiate peace with Israel under the "umbrella" of an international conference.
Even though the PLO had not yet confirmed Hussein's statement, just the appearance of movement by the Arab side toward peace talks has led to criticism in Israel of the United States, with the attacks coming most sharply from the Likud bloc in the national unity government, led by Foreign Minister Yitzhak Shamir.
The Israelis were upset because Secretary of State George P. Shultz called Hussein's visit an important step forward toward ending the Middle East diplomatic deadlock.
Prime Minister Shimon Peres, the Labor Party leader, has not closed the door on peace talks, because he may decide to force a new election on that question next year to forestall handing his job over to Mr. Shamir, as he is scheduled to do in October 1986. But for the moment, he has chosen to be much less supportive of the U.S. efforts than the Reagan administration would like.
In some of the harshest words against the United States in the past two years, many Israeli officials have accused the administration of being taken in by Hussein's words and of being too eager to deal with Palestinians in the Palestine National Council, which most Israelis regard as tantamount to talking to the PLO.
Since 1983, when Arab nations did not support the U.S.-negotiated accord between Lebanon and Israel, the Reagan administration had remained aloof from Middle East diplomacy, contending that it was up to Jordan and the PLO to agree to negotiate directly with Israel. That position fitted in well with Israel's desires.
Faced with an economic crisis at home and having to end the occupation of Lebanon, the Israeli leaders made it known they were not looking for the additional burden of negotiations on the future of the Israeli-occupied West Bank and Gaza. Perhaps in 1986, Israeli officials said, but not now.
Any negotiations involving Jordan and Palestinians would inevitably force Israel to face up to such difficult political issues as the delineation of Israel's borders, the future of Israeli settlements in the West Bank, the status of Jerusalem and the kind of self-government that should be given Palestinians in the region.
On all these questions, Israel was sure to have significant differences with the United States.
For the moment, there is no agreement on the format for negotiations between Israel and the Jordan-Palestinian (Continued on Page 2, Col. 6)

Most Americans in Poll Back Curbs on Imports

By Clyde H. Farnsworth
New York Times Service
NEW YORK — Most Americans think that trade with other countries costs jobs in the United States, and they consider restrictions on imports a good idea even if it means less choice among the products they want to buy, according to a New York Times-CBS News Poll.
In five Middle Western states whose factories have faced the strongest competition from imported goods, 75 percent of the residents blame foreign trade for the loss of jobs, the survey showed.
However, even in Western states, where the conflict between imports and jobs has been less intense, 62 percent link trade with job losses. Nationally, 69 percent felt that way.
At the same time, 53 percent of Americans, when asked simply whether trade helped the economy or not, replied that it did, an indication of some uncertainty in the public attitude.
The poll of 1,509 adults, which was conducted just a few days before the government reported a record trade deficit of \$11.85 billion in April, provided fresh evidence of rising protectionism.
The findings are a backdrop to the demands in Washington for curbs on Japanese automobiles, Korean shoes, Chinese shirts, Mexican cement, Canadian lumber, French wine and many other products. Moreover, the protectionist view is strongest among the small but vocal minority that regards trade as more important than other problems, such as the budget deficit or arms control.
"They show that the consensus for keeping the U.S. market open is beginning to erode," said Rufus Yerxa, staff director of the House Ways and Means Committee's trade subcommittee.
The poll, which was conducted by telephone from May 29 to June 2 and has a margin of sampling error of plus or minus three percentage points, found that 70 percent of the population thought that trade restrictions were a good idea while 21 percent did not.
Asked whether restrictions still would be a good idea if they resulted in a narrower choice for consumers, 60 percent said yes. Then, asked if they would still be a good idea even if foreign countries retaliated by curbing U.S. exports, 41 percent still said yes.
"These results don't really surprise me," said Isaiah Frank, international economics professor at Johns Hopkins School for Advanced International Studies, an ardent free trader.
"After all," he said, "the advantages of trade, a more dynamic economy and higher standard of living for everyone, are generally taken for granted, while the disadvantages are felt in a very personal way by friends, family, neighbors in the community. The negatives in this case overwhelm the positive."
Nearly a quarter of the respondents in the latest poll ranked trade as the first or second most important national issue, when asked to compare it with arms control, tax reform, the budget deficit and conflicts in Central America.
Several analysts suggested that the finding that a majority felt trade helped the economy while hurting jobs betrayed a perception that trade was managed in a way that was unfair to the United States.
Mark A. Anderson, a foreign trade analyst for the American Federation of Labor and Congress of Industrial Organizations, cited several examples: U.S. products' lack of access to many foreign markets, such as Japan or Mexico; heavily subsidized exports from a number of developed and developing countries; and other trade distortions caused by the high value of the U.S. dollar, which brings in cheap imports and discourages exports because they are made more costly.
William D. Eberle, a former U.S. trade representative, argued that another example of unfairness was that the United States took 64 percent of all the exports of developing countries, which is a far higher proportion than other rich countries. The European Community takes 25 percent, Japan 8 percent and other countries 3 percent.
Mr. Eberle and other analysts said that the poll results emphasized the urgent need for the Reagan administration to find a coherent strategy for dealing with the problems of unfairness in trade and of the dollar.

U.S. Calls Walker a New Breed of Spy

Money Motive, Nature of Damage Make Navy Case Unique
By Joel Brinkley
New York Times Service
WASHINGTON — In unraveling what may be the largest espionage ring in U.S. history, federal officials say they have discovered a new breed of spy.
Both the method of operation attributed to John A. Walker Jr. and the three men being held as his accomplices and the kind of damage they may have caused, officials say, make this purported spy ring unlike any other.
The FBI has charged in court documents and interviews that Mr. Walker, 47, recruited friends and relatives around the world and coached them on spying techniques. Then, like a businessman visiting branch offices, he flew around in his own small plane to collect the classified material and sell it to the Soviet Union.
But what concerns American officials most is how people holding relatively low positions in the U.S. Navy may have enabled Mr. Walker to break through the system that the United States uses to safeguard its most important secrets.
"You protect information by compartmentalizing," an intelligence source said. "Details of critical national security matters are spread among several offices so that almost no one has access to all of it."
But the FBI charges that Mr. Walker and his accomplices managed to penetrate a variety of facilities.
The intelligence source said the navy affair had "the potential to be the most damaging case" since Julius and Ethel Rosenberg were convicted in 1951 on charges of giving the Soviet Union plans for the atomic bomb.
Another troubling aspect of the Walker case, officials say, is that unlike many prominent spies of the past, those who have been arrested seem to have been motivated by money rather than ideology. Since 1979, Mr. Walker may have netted \$80,000 to \$100,000 a year from spying, according to the Internal Revenue Service.
Federal officials say it is much more difficult to detect people who are spying for money because greed is a widespread, untraceable motivation.
A daily drama of disclosures and arrests has unfolded since Mr. Walker was arrested May 20 and (Continued on Page 2, Col. 5)



Bombs Explode Near Palace as Belaúnde Meets Alfonsín

A policeman stands in front of a car that exploded outside the presidential palace in Lima on Saturday night as President Raúl Alfonsín of Argentina and President Fernando Belaúnde Terry of Peru were meeting at the palace. Two persons were killed and 18 injured after terrorists set off two car bombs in the capital, cut off electricity to large parts of the nation and set fires at 10 shopping centers. The two dead apparently were killed by police. Police arrested more than 900 people. They blamed the violence on Shining Path, a Maoist group.

Russians Break Siege At Afghan Border Town

The Associated Press
ISLAMABAD, Pakistan — A Soviet armored column broke through the last guerrilla lines to relieve the besieged Afghan border town of Barikot after two weeks of fighting, rebel officials said.
They said that Soviet commandos were battling Afghan rebels on nearby mountaintops.
Barikot is at the head of the Kunar Valley and close to the border with Pakistan. Guerrillas have besieged the town for months at a time over the past four years and it has had to be restocked by air for the past year.
A rebel official said Saturday that Soviet tanks and armored personnel carriers reached Barikot on Friday night. The armor, he reported, led the way for a force of about 10,000 Soviet troops that began an offensive three weeks ago to seize the Kunar and lift the siege at Barikot.
"But we are not finished," the rebel official said. "The mujahidin are still strong." The mujahidin are Moslem guerrillas.
Soviet troops entered Afghanistan at the end of 1979 and provided over the removal of one Marxist government and its replacement by another. The Kabul government now is supported by an estimated 115,000 Soviet troops. The rebels operate from bases in Pakistan, bringing arms and supplies across the border.
A guerrilla said, "It looks like a big victory for the Russians." Thousands of villagers were fleeing the valley, trying to get across the mountains into Pakistan, the guerrillas said.
Pakistan has complained that Afghan planes attacked the Pakistani village of Sweer across the border May 31, killing 12 persons and injuring 31.
Pakistan's president, General Mohammed Zia ul-Haq, toured Sweer on Saturday. He said Pakistan would not continue to endure attacks and violations by Afghan planes and would strike back "whatever the consequences."

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Dry Clubs Toast Teen-Age Sobriety in U.S.

By Dirk Johnson
New York Times Service
FAIRFIELD, Connecticut — Since it opened earlier this year, the "Let's Dance" discotheque has been packed on Friday and Saturday nights with hundreds of teen-agers dancing to rock music.
The discotheque, which does not serve any alcoholic drinks, will expand to a four-night schedule during the summer and plans to open two branches. Similar clubs have opened throughout the New York City region.
The success of the dry clubs, many educators and students said, is among several signs that alcohol and drug use are starting to decline among teen-agers. Just a few years ago, club owners said, teen-age discotheques would have flopped. Illegal use of alcohol was the centerpiece of many social gatherings.
To be sure, beer continues to flow at some suburban house parties, and many teen-agers continue to find a way to get into adult nightclubs.
But at "Let's Dance" one recent night, the teen-agers seemed content with soft drinks. "It's a choice between dancing and drinking," said Nicole Paternoster, 17, of Fairfield, "and I'd rather dance."
While drinking and drug use remain prevalent among some, abstinence has become an accepted, even esteemed, way of social life for many teen-agers. Indeed, a youth temperance movement has emerged at high schools, led by student groups opposed to drunken driving.
"Ten years ago, a student couldn't get elected if he wasn't willing to have a beer," said David Delgado, an adult adviser to the National Association of Student Councils. "That's certainly changed."
Peer pressure has begun to cut both ways, he said. Heavy drinkers are viewed as dorky as much as dorky. The nondrinkers have the upper hand now," he said.
A powerful desire for success among young people, together with a prevailing social conservatism, have made excessive drinking unfashionable, counselors say.
The turning point, Mr. Delgado and others said, came with the formation of groups such as Safe Rides and Students Against Drunk Driving, which are part of a national movement to persuade youths not to drink and drive.
At one time, such encouragement might have drawn snickers. But inside the club, the teen-agers evidently did not equate partying with intoxication.
"When we went to the prom," said Kier Stasiano, 27, a teacher at Bridgeport Central High School, "we thought it was funny to get drunk and act stupid. These kids just think it's stupid."
Miss Paternoster, who comes to the Fairfield club every weekend, said she found beer parties "pretty boring." Since the dance club opened, she said, the number of house parties has decreased.
"This is where everybody goes," she said, "even the ones who don't like to dance."
At "Let's Dance," young customers said they welcomed the strictly enforced dress code and presence of uniformed police. Both the club and parking lot are patrolled, and dress rules are detailed in a sign at the entrance. It states: "No leather jackets or vests, T-shirts, dirty or ragged jeans will be permitted. Only collared shirts will be allowed."
Most of the club's 600 or so customers on Friday and Saturday nights are 16 to 18 years of age.
When he opened the club, Ron DeMatteo, the co-owner, expected teen-agers to sneak alcohol onto the premises. So far, however, he said, the club has discovered only two empty beer cans in a wastebasket.
"I've got to think that drinking is less important to kids now," he said. "There's nothing so awesome about this place. If kids wanted to drink, they wouldn't come here week after week."

Nicaraguan Rebels Expected To Issue a Code of Conduct

By Leslie H. Gelb
New York Times Service

WASHINGTON — The Nicaraguan rebels, under prodding from the Reagan administration, are expected to make a new effort this week to project a more democratic image, according to administration officials and congressional sources.

The officials said that the rebels would issue a "constitution-like document" or code of conduct designed to ensure civilian control of their military wing and to soften their identification with the regime of the late Nicaraguan dictator, Anastasio Somoza.

The goal is to reduce the power and lower the profile of the rebels' military leaders, who generally had closer ties to the Somoza dictatorship than did the rebels' political leaders.

According to administration officials, the rebel document will call for the formation of a united oppo-

sition committed to democratic principles and the rejection of a military government. It will guarantee human rights, political pluralism, free elections, civilian control of the armed forces and a program for national reconciliation and reconstruction, they said.

"We declare," the document states, "that the cause of democracy in Nicaragua is as vital in Nicaragua as for all free countries and particularly for Central America."

Bosco Matamoros, the rebels' spokesman in Washington, came close to confirming the preparation of a code of conduct. The rebels' principles "are the same as before," he said, "but as the situation changes, a new mechanism is needed to implement them."

But Edgar Chamorro, who has opposed the Nicaraguan government but was dismissed as a civilian director of the Nicaraguan Democratic Force in November for

publicly criticizing the rebels, said that the expected changes were "not enough."

"It will not help much because people will see it as better wrapping of the same group," he said. "This is not the same as saying we should seek a political solution through negotiations."

Reagan administration officials said the code of conduct would be issued not just by the Nicaraguan Democratic Force, which is the rebel group with the closest previous ties to the Somoza regime, but they would not specify the other expected signers.

Enrique Bermudez, a former National Guard officer, is the military commander of the Nicaraguan Democratic Force, the largest rebel group, which is based in Honduras. Adolfo Calero is the president of the group's six-man political directorate.

The two other major rebel groups are the Democratic Revolutionary Alliance, based in Costa Rica, and members of the Miskito and Rama Indian tribes in eastern Nicaragua.

Reagan Denies War Plan

President Ronald Reagan, lobbying the House of Representatives to resume aid to the anti-government rebels in Nicaragua, asserted Saturday in Washington that the United States does not have any plans to go to war in Central America, the Los Angeles Times reported.

The Senate voted Thursday to approve a package of \$38 million in nonmilitary aid for rebels fighting the Sandinist government in Managua. Urging the House to adopt a similar proposal to provide \$27 million, Mr. Reagan, in his weekly radio address, noted that some House members also "claim that the United States plans to become militarily involved in Central America."

"Well," he added, "no such plan exists."

He said that the assertion was "simply a distraction from the two paramount questions that must be faced" by every House member: "Will you support those struggling for democracy — will you resist the Soviets' brazen attempt to impose communism on our doorstep — or won't you?"

House Democratic leaders are expected to back an alternative that would funnel a reduced amount of nonmilitary aid through the International Red Cross and the United Nations, instead of through the Reagan administration. Also, the Democratic proposal would retain, against administration wishes, the ban on arms aid to the rebels, which the Senate voted to repeal.



LEADERS AT AIR SHOW — Prime Ministers Rajiv Gandhi of India, left, and Laurent Fabius of France watch a display at the Paris Air Show at Le Bourget airport. Among the planes demonstrated were France's Mirage 2000 fighter, of which India has ordered 40, and the Indian-built HTT-34 trainer. The 10-day show ended Sunday.

Arab League Calls for Beirut Truce, Rejects PLO's Call for Investigation

TUNIS — The Palestine Liberation Organization failed Sunday in an effort to obtain Arab League support for an inquiry into the fighting at three Palestinian refugee camps in Beirut and a condemnation of Syria's role there.

A resolution approved at the end of a two-day emergency meeting of the 21-member league — a meeting that the PLO had requested — called for an immediate cease-fire and withdrawal of forces besieging the camps.

But it did not contain a PLO demand for a commission of inquiry into alleged massacres by the Syrian-backed Shiite Muslim militia Amal or a provision for rebuking Syria.

The resolution, which was worked out during a meeting marked by clashes between Syria and the PLO, also called for the release of prisoners and for the authorizing of the International Red Cross to enter the camps to treat the wounded.

Farouk Kaddoumi, head of the PLO's political department, said that, nevertheless, he regarded the meeting as a qualified success because the other measures had been adopted and because the resolution called for the league council to

meet again on June 24 to review progress.

"Syria is becoming more and more isolated now in the Arab world," Mr. Kaddoumi said.

He added that 10 out of the 21 league members were in favor of an extraordinary Arab summit meeting, as proposed by the PLO's leader, Yasser Arafat. When Mr. Arafat made such a proposal at Saturday's opening session, the Syrian delegation walked out.

Syria's foreign minister, Farouk al-Sharaa, said it was out of order for Mr. Arafat, who in PLO terms is a head of state, to address the meeting.

In an addendum at the end of Sunday's final resolution, Syria expressed its reservations about the text, describing it as interference in the internal affairs of Lebanon. Lebanon boycotted the session.

The resolution also charged the league's secretary-general, Cheddi Klibi, with contacting all the parties concerned in order to ensure that the cease-fire was respected and asked him to report on the carrying out of the resolution at the June 24 council meeting.

Fighting Continues

Fighting broke out again Sunday at the Palestinian camps. United

Press International reported from Beirut.

A three-hour early-morning gun battle in West Beirut and two later clashes erupted despite a security crackdown, with scores of new roadblocks and increased patrols around the capital by Amal members and allied militias.

The battles pitted the Lebanese Army's mostly Shiite 6th Brigade against Palestinian and Sunni Moslem forces. Syrian-mediated peace talks were deadlocked, with the Palestinians refusing to surrender all their weapons.

Since the fighting broke out May 19, 534 people have been killed and 2,260 have been wounded.

On Saturday, the first successful mission to the besieged Borge Barjani camp brought tons of food, water and medical supplies donated by an Austrian relief agency.

The Austrian ambassador, George Zaidar, who accompanied the seven-truck United Nations convoy, said that two mortar explosions in the camp of 20,000 residents had killed five children and wounded eight other persons. Robert Gallagher, a Canadian who is director of the UN Relief and Works Agency's efforts to aid Palestinian refugees, also accompanied the convoy.

French Colonel With UN Unit Is Freed by Militia in Lebanon

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analysts from reaching the UN headquarters at Naqura.

Mr. Gökseel said that Colonel Blomdijian had been "conducting contacts" with the South Lebanon Army in Qantara.

He said said Colonel Blomdijian, who was exhausted after 48 hours of mediation, requested he be replaced "but when he tried to leave he was told he, too, was a hostage."

Meanwhile, seven Israeli Army officers went to Qantara to discuss the crisis with South Lebanon Army officers after Prime Minister Shimon Peres' cabinet said it would "do all in its power to ensure the safety" of the UN hostages.

Two of the Finns were being held near Qantara. The other 19, who were seized as they returned in a bus from furlough in Israel, are being held in a separate location. They include a major and two lieutenants.

Mr. Gökseel said the South Lebanon Army moved the 19 from the village of Adaisseh. Sources said they had been taken to Marjayoun, the South Lebanon Army's main

base. Mr. Gökseel could not confirm that.

The sources said the hostages are being held by about 50 South Lebanese Army members. UN troops, including Finns, have ringed Qantara but have made no effort to move in on the army positions.

Bad Dream At State

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group, which Hussein wants in the context of an international conference.

The Reagan administration, which criticized the Carter administration for being interested in 1977 in reviving the Geneva conference sponsored by the United States and the Soviet Union in 1973, has inveighed for so long against having the Russians at such a meeting that it would be difficult for it to accept the Hussein plan.

To make it easier for the king, the administration has agreed to meet soon with a Jordan-Palestinian delegation that would include some independent, non-PLO members of the Palestine National Council, which serves as a Palestinian parliament. If Mr. Arafat accepts the U.S. terms explicitly and publicly, the United States also would sit down with PLO members.

Kasparov Assails Choice of Venue For Chess Match

AGENCE FRANCE-PRESSE BELGRADE — The decision to replay the world chess championship in Moscow is the "worst of all possibilities," the challenger, Garry Kasparov, said in an interview published Sunday in the Yugoslav newspaper Sport.

However, Mr. Kasparov said that his chances of beating the titleholder, Anatoli Karpov, were much greater than at the start of the original championship series in Moscow last September.

The tournament was halted five months later after a record 48 games, to the annoyance of Mr. Kasparov, whose lead over his fellow Soviet citizen had been reduced from 5-0 to 5-3.

"It has been set up by the International Chess Federation and the Soviet federation for him to retain the title at any price," Mr. Kasparov asserted, referring to Mr. Karpov.

WORLD BRIEFS

Riots Over Quotas Kill 20 in India

NEW DELHI (Reuters) — Twenty persons were killed, including 14 who burned to death, during fighting Sunday in Gujarat state over job and college quotas for underprivileged groups.

The police said that the worst violence occurred in Ahmedabad, where rows of houses were set ablaze in the city's old quarter. They said that 14 bodies had been recovered and that more people might have been trapped by the flames.

The violence was the latest in a series of demonstrations against a government decision to increase the number of government jobs and college spaces for underprivileged people, which meant there were fewer available for the middle and upper classes. The authorities reported that nearly 170 people have died since the protest started three months ago.

Damages Are Set for Klan Defendants

WINSTON-SALEM, North Carolina (AP) — A federal jury has ordered eight Ku Klux Klan members, Nazis and policemen to pay \$355,100 to the widow of one of five Communists shot to death in a 1979 anti-Klan rally in Greensboro, North Carolina.

The panel, ruling Saturday at the end of a 13-week trial of a \$48-million civil suit, found the eight liable Friday in the death of Michael Nathan.

The panel rejected charges of conspiracy in the deaths.

The six-member jury also ordered four of the defendants to pay \$38,360 to one wounded demonstrator and two of them to pay \$1,500 to another wounded marcher. On Friday, it found four Klan and Nazi defendants liable in the assault and battery of Mr. Nathan and the two wounded demonstrators.

EC Agrees to Talks With Comecon

STRESA, Italy (Reuters) — Foreign ministers of the European Community agreed Saturday to open an informal dialogue with Comecon, the East bloc trade alliance, according to France's minister of external relations, Roland Dumas.

Diplomats said that the ministers accepted in principle a request by Italy, which currently holds the EC's rotating presidency, to respond positively to a Comecon approach for new talks made by Mikhail S. Gorbachev, the Soviet leader.

Mr. Gorbachev made the approach to Prime Minister Bettino Craxi of Italy during Mr. Craxi's visit to Moscow last month. Mr. Craxi is to meet the Polish foreign minister, Stefan Olszowski, as Comecon's emissary for further discussions in Rome on June 20, the diplomats added.

Fewer U.S. Homes Affected by Crime

WASHINGTON (AP) — About one in four U.S. households were victims of violent crime or theft last year, and the proportion of homes affected by crime reached its lowest level since 1975, the Justice Department said Sunday.

In a series of studies examining crime in the United States, the Bureau of Justice Statistics found that 23.8 million households, or 26 percent, were "touched" by crime in 1984. This was about 800,000 fewer households than in 1983 and about two million fewer than in 1982. A household is considered "touched" if it was a burglary, auto theft or household larceny, or if a household member was raped, robbed, assaulted or a victim of personal larceny.

People living in high-income households, blacks and people living in central cities were victims more often than those in middle-income households, whites and people living in the suburbs and rural areas, the report said. The proportion of victimized households fell to 26 percent of total households in 1984, compared with 27.4 percent in 1983.

10 Injured in Clash at Golden Temple

AMRITSAR, India (Reuters) — Ten persons were injured Sunday in fighting between militant and moderate Sikhs during a meeting at the Golden Temple in Amritsar.

The fighting, which went on for nearly 90 minutes in a hall crowded with 25,000 people, broke out when militants shouted slogans praising an extremist leader, Jarnail Singh Bhindranwale, who was killed directing the defense of the Golden Temple during an assault by Indian troops a year ago.

Guards at the meeting, organized by supporters of Harchand Singh Longowal, the moderate president of the main Sikh political party, Akali Dal, attacked the militants with wooden staves. The militants are led by Mr. Bhindranwale's father, Joginder Singh.

27 German Soccer Fans Arrested

HAMBURG (UPI) — West German soccer fans caused two separate disturbances before and after professional club matches in Hamburg and near Berlin, police said Sunday. A total of 27 persons were arrested.

Police made 23 arrests when they dispersed supporters of the Hamburg first division team and the Schalke team from Gelsenkirchen who fought in Hamburg's St. Pauli district after Saturday's game.

Also Saturday, 60 West Berliners traveling through East Germany on a train to Brunswick to see the Brunswick team play Munich ripped out seats and terrorized other passengers, a police spokesman said. He said four of the rowdy fans were arrested when the train arrived in West Germany.

For the Record

The Sudanese authorities released on Sunday three former ministers who were detained after the military coup on April 6, Egypt's Middle East News Agency reported from Khartoum. Ali Shamma was information minister, Abdel-Salam Saleh was health minister and Youssef Soliman was minister of state for energy.

John Gauthier Dean, who has been the U.S. ambassador to Thailand for three years, left Bangkok last week saying he expected to become ambassador to India in the next few months.

Indonesia will execute three Communists who were sentenced to death in the 1970s for taking part in an abortive coup in 1965, despite appeals from the Australian and Dutch governments, Foreign Minister Mochtar Kusumaatmadja said Saturday.

Three men suspected of plotting to kill Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi of India were arrested Thursday as they entered Puerto Rico, officials said. They said that two Indians had flown from the Netherlands and a German had flown from Colombia. Mr. Gandhi is to arrive Tuesday in Washington.

Ohio State University's trustees voted 6-3 on Friday to withdraw the institution's \$10.8 million investment in companies operating in South Africa, the university announced.

Two Soviet cosmonauts docked their Soyuz T-13 with the Salyut-7 space station Saturday, using a new distance-determining device in the first reported instance of a Soviet manual docking. Dockings are normally done automatically under mission control in Moscow.

Russians to Stress Offense Against SDI, General Says

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Akhromeyev. But General Chervov was far more explicit.

To counter U.S. efforts in space, he said, "we will have both an increase in offensive strategic weapons, and correspondingly we will take certain defensive measures."

By noting that building new types of offensive weapons to try to thwart the space shield would be "far cheaper, more economic" and by omitting any detailed discussion of the corresponding defensive measures, General Chervov clearly established the Soviet priority in responding to the space defense plan.

Testing of space weapons such as laser-beam and particle-ray devices intended to destroy missiles as they are launched "will be the cause of the breakdown of all treaties and agreements on arms control," he said. "The SDI can only move us closer to nuclear war."

The Reagan administration has said that it is prepared to discuss space weapons at Geneva but that it is not prepared to foreclose the option of developing such weapons in the future. U.S. officials accuse the Russians of having a secret program similar to the Strategic Defense Initiative already in progress and of violating the terms of existing arms agreements.

On the other issues being dis-

cussed at Geneva, General Chervov said that the Reagan administration's deliberations over whether to continuing observing the unratified SALT-2 agreement and Anti-Ballistic Missile Treaty "make it difficult to predict what the future of arms control will be."

In discussing the negotiations aimed at curbing Soviet SS-20 and U.S. Pershing-2 and cruise missiles in Europe, General Chervov called attention to a recent statement by Mr. Gorbachev repeating that the Russians had instituted a moratorium on SS-20 deployment until Nov. 1.

A U.S. response to the moratorium in Europe would lead the Soviet Union to propose limits on this type of missile at Geneva "in about one or two months."

Indian Engineer to Join Mission of U.S. Shuttle

WASHINGTON — An Indian engineer will be aboard a U.S. space shuttle mission next year to help launch a telecommunications satellite for India, according to an Indian Embassy official.

The U.S.-Indian space mission will be announced officially this week during the visit of Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi of India.

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AMERICAN TOPICS

Past and Present
Clash in Houston

Four years ago Kathy Whitmire was elected mayor of Houston, defeating the incumbent Louie Welch, who during his 10 years in office had been criticized for failing to provide adequately for the city's explosive growth—refusing to raise sewer fees, for example, leaving the sewer system woefully inadequate.

Mrs. Whitmire, 36, has been criticized, in turn, for failing to bring new businesses to the city at a time of economic retrenchment. She says she intends to run for a third two-year term in the November election. The New York Times reports that her announced opponent is Mr. Welch, 56, her predecessor, and head of the city's chamber of commerce.

Short Takes

A drive to ratify a constitutional amendment that would have given Washington, D.C., full congressional representation with two U.S. senators and one representative has failed. The seven-year deadline passed with only 16 of the necessary 38 states assenting. Now backers are pushing to make the District of Columbia the 51st state, to be called New Columbia. This requires only a simple majority vote of Congress. But it is subject to presidential veto, and President Ronald Reagan is against it.

The Nautilus was launched in 1954 as the world's first nuclear-powered submarine. In 1958 it became the first vessel to sail beneath the Arctic ice cap over the North Pole. Decommissioned in 1980, it is en route under tow from Mare Island, California, to its final destination as a naval museum exhibit in Groton, Connecticut. It is to arrive July 6.

The state of "Taxachusetts" no longer exists, according to Governor Michael S. Dukakis of Massachusetts. In fact, the governor boasts, the tax burden in the state has fallen below the national average. He said he plans to keep it that way with a temporary tax cut this year and opposition to what he considers excessive increases proposed for teachers' salaries and welfare payments.

Shorter Takes: Salt Lake City has joined the list of U.S. metropolitan areas with a population



YOUNGEST ASTRONAUT — Tammy Jernigan, 26, met with reporters recently at Moffett Field in Mountain View, California, after she was named America's youngest astronaut. She is a graduate of Stanford University and currently is working on a doctorate in astrophysics at the University of California at Berkeley.

of more than 1 million, bringing the total to 37. . . . The home of Franklin D. Roosevelt at Hyde Park, New York, has been largely reopened to the public three years after a serious fire. Reconstruction cost \$2 million.

Notes About People

The United States, unlike Britain, has no official poet laureate, but each year a Poetry Consultant to the Library of Congress, who draws a \$35,000 stipend for helping the library, is named. The 1985-86 winner, designated by Daniel J. Boorstin, the librarian of Congress, is Gwendolyn Brooks, 67, of Chicago, most of whose verse concerns black urban life. She won a Pulitzer prize in 1949.

Gina Lollobrigida, 57, the Italian film star, was dining out in Manhattan when, she said, she

bit into a shrimp and chipped a tooth on a "brown, pebble-like substance." Last year she sued Westin Hotels, owner of the restaurant, for \$10 million, and now has settled for \$50,000. Her attorney said the chipped tooth cost her a contract for a fashion appearance in Italy.

When You've Got
It, Flaunt It

Michael S. Berman, a former aide to Walter F. Mondale, and his wife, Carol, have this message on their telephone recorder: "Hello, this is Carol. Michael and I are not able to answer your call right now because we are out social climbing. Please leave your name, phone number, time of call and credentials so we can decide whether to respond."

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ARTHUR HIGBEE

Fight Debt First, Latin American Officials Tell U.S.

By John M. Goshko
Washington Post Service

WASHINGTON — Many Latin American leaders and diplomats say they believe that the Reagan administration's preoccupation with El Salvador and Nicaragua could hinder the cause of democracy in the region's largest and richest countries.

These leaders say that current U.S. policy, focused on thwarting what the administration sees as the threat of Communist-backed subversion in Central America and the Caribbean, is a classic example of what one diplomat calls "the United States chasing the wrong bouncing ball" in setting its Latin American priorities.

According to this view, the future political and economic direction of Latin America will be determined not in Central America but in large countries such as Argentina and Mexico — countries that have the size, resources and influence needed to make a major impact on the region, and perhaps ultimately to play an increasing role on the world stage.

That point is made insistently by a cross section of Latin American politicians, bureaucrats and diplomats. It is echoed in the United States by academic experts on Latin America and by representatives of U.S. banks and businesses whose interests depend increasingly on Latin America's economic health.

But before the larger countries can provide real leadership for an emerging Latin America, they must grapple with formidable domestic problems that threaten to overwhelm the fragile trend toward democracy in the region now.

Domestic problems differ from one country to another, but almost all are rooted in the region's staggering burden of debt. Last year Latin America was forced to export \$27.6 billion of its sparse financial resources in payments to foreign banks.

Governments facing debt see that problem as a far greater threat to inter-American and global security than leftist revolutionaries in Central America. Those who have pleaded for U.S. help, however, see the response as sparse, sporadic and overly reliant on the austerity policies of the International Monetary Fund.

The Latin Americans do credit Washington with reacting swiftly to financial emergencies in their countries. But Lucio Garcia del Solar, the Argentine ambassador to the United States, warned that if the overall problem is not alleviated, presidents of the pivotal democratic countries "will be unable to counter the political consequences of debt."

"They will be vulnerable to surges of populism pushing them toward the extreme right or left,"

Mr. Garcia del Solar said. "In some countries, it could mean a return to military dictatorship."

Economic problems could encourage leftist terrorism and draw governments into the conflict between East and West, he added. In Andean countries such as Colombia, Peru and Bolivia, the ambassa-

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dor said, "there literally is a danger of the narcotics traffic becoming so important a source of national revenues that entire governments will be corrupted and come under the control of local drug mafias."

But, Mr. Garcia del Solar said, "we are not getting this message across. The bottom line is that the U.S. government doesn't see the debt crisis as affecting the national security of the United States."

His assessment contrasts with the Reagan administration's optimistic view that Latin America is moving toward a new democratic stability.

Latin American officials like Mr. Garcia del Solar are appreciative of U.S. rhetorical support for the spread of democracy. But they warn that Washington, through its actions in Central America and alleged inaction on the debt question, is making cooperation difficult.

Except for President José Napoleón Duarte of El Salvador and President Roberto Somoza Córdoba of Honduras, both of whom are fearful of Nicaragua and dependent on the United States for their economic survival, none of Latin America's democratic leaders has supported the main tenets of President Ronald Reagan's policies in Central America.

Latin American leaders' harshest condemnation has been directed at such recent U.S. actions as the economic embargo against Nicaragua. Many of them have echoed Mexico's contention that such moves are "economic coercion" incompatible with Latin American efforts to bring peace to Central America.

Those nations argue that if the bigger countries in the region realized their potential for industrialization and competitive exports, some of the resulting prosperity would spread to the tiny nations that are trouble spots in Central America.

As the smaller countries became more dependent on larger neighbors for their economic well-being, they would be more susceptible to their political influence. Ultimately,

Beijing to Get Golf Courses

The Associated Press
TOKYO — A two-course golf compound, the biggest in China, is to be built in the suburbs of Beijing in a joint Chinese-Japanese venture, the Chinese news agency Xinhua reported Sunday.

ly, that theory concludes, a strong democratic Mexico or Venezuela would be much more effective than U.S.-backed military solutions or embargoes in overcoming the inequities that make Central America a target of subversion.

But those goals cannot be accomplished by countries whose economic houses are in disarray.

Even Mexico and Venezuela, cited by the United States as having made an effort to solve their financial problems, have debts of \$96 billion and \$35 billion. Many bankers doubt that the two nations will be able to maintain unpopular austerity programs.

Brazil, the world's largest debtor nation with a foreign debt of \$100 billion, and Argentina, whose debt is \$47 billion, face a constant threat of losing the IMF's financial help because domestic political pressures have forced them out of com-

pliance with the economic austerity programs to which they agreed.

Chile, where a tough military dictatorship is able to ignore public pressure, has taken the steps mandated by the IMF to overcome its debt of almost \$20 billion, but its economy continues to worsen because of depressed copper prices.

Peru, with a \$14-billion debt, faces such serious economic and political problems that bankers are beginning to question whether it can ever recover. Alan Garcia Pérez, who is to take office as president of Peru on July 28, has threatened to bypass the IMF and seek joint action by the Latin American debtor countries to force a confrontation with their U.S. creditors.

Latin American leaders are smarting over the fact that for the second year in a row, their pleas for urgent attention to the debt crisis was ignored in economic summit

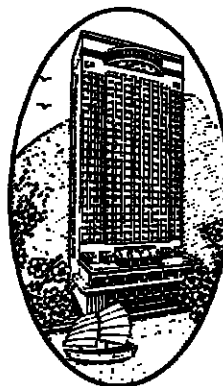
talks of the West's seven major industrial powers last month.

While comprehensive relief appears unlikely, the Latin Americans argue that it is vital that the United States help them with more limited steps. Those include greater access to the U.S. market for their exports; exploration of ways to subsidize the enormous interest on their debt; and efforts to persuade the World Bank to issue guarantees for borrowing from commercial banks, and to loan more money to countries seeking to make major changes in the structure of their economies.

"Otherwise," said Abraham F. Lowenthal, professor of international relations at the University of Southern California, "whatever his intentions and his efforts, Ronald Reagan could go down in history as the president who lost Latin America."

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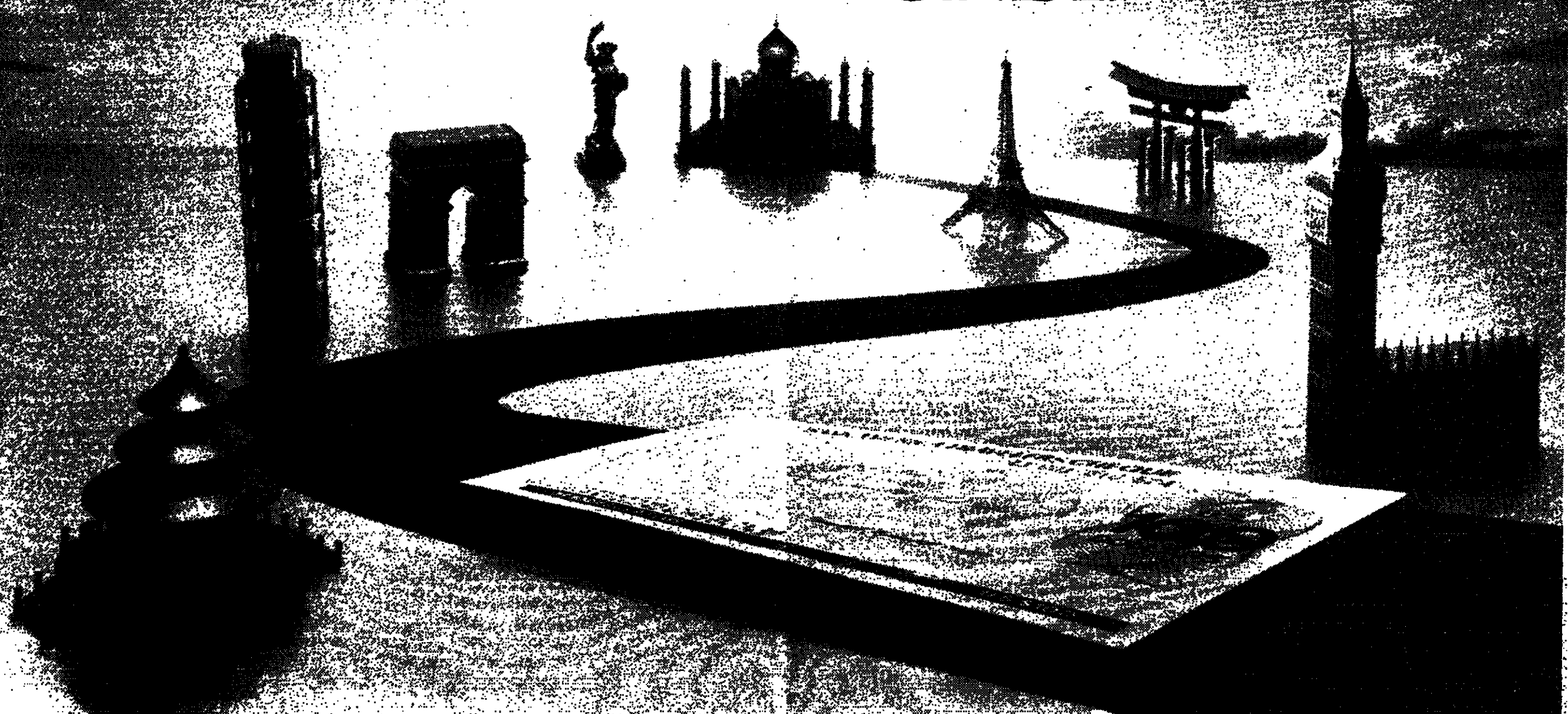


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Italian Vote Seen As Important Test

By E.J. Dionne Jr.
New York Times Service

ROME — By some accounts, it is little more than a trivial issue, involving the equivalent of 50 cents a day for the average worker.

But the referendum Sunday and Monday on Italy's system of wage indexing has become a major political test for the government and for the Communist opposition, led by Alessandro Natta, the party's secretary. Prime Minister Bettino Craxi went so far as to announce that he would resign in "one minute" if his side lost.

The fight is over the Craxi government's policy to cut back on automatic wage increases that Italian workers get under what is known as the *scala mobile*, or "moving staircase."

Workers are being asked to vote "yes" or "no" on a Communist proposal to restore four points cut from the scale by the Socialist-led and Christian Democratic-dominated government.

In effect, workers are being asked to vote themselves a pay raise, something the Communists once thought would be an offer the voters could not refuse. For the Communists, it is a matter of social justice and preventing the fight against inflation from being an excessive burden on the average worker.

For Mr. Craxi and his five-party coalition, however, a victory for the Communist proposal would overturn what they contend is a successful economic policy. Cutting back on the automatic wage increases has helped trim inflation to 9 per-

cent from 12 percent. In addition, foreign investment is up, and despite some recent pessimistic figures, Italy's economy has been growing at a relatively healthy rate over the past year.

The sums involved in the voting can look either trivial or large, depending on how they are calculated.

For the average Italian worker, the amount in question is about 27,000 lire (nearly \$14) a month. Enough to buy a cup of coffee a day, commented the Rome daily newspaper *Il Messaggero*.

But the General Confederation of Italian Industry, the employers' association known as *Confindustria*, contends that a vote to restore the amount would increase overall annual labor costs by about \$4 billion. The employers would like, if anything, to cut back even further on the wage escalator. Thus, they helped scuttle a compromise that Gianni De Michelis, the minister of labor, tried to arrange to avoid the referendum entirely.

Like Mr. Craxi, Mr. De Michelis is a Socialist, and the fight over the Communists' proposal has become more of a political battle than an economic one.

Mr. Craxi's government will be in power two years in August, and he is one of Italy's longest-serving postwar prime ministers. His government straddles the center of the political spectrum, including the long-dominant Christian Democrats, the largest party in the coalition, his own Socialists, the Social Democrats, the Liberals and the Republicans.



Alessandro Natta

Initially, the referendum was part of a two-step Communist strategy to try to topple the government and force a political crisis that might bring the Communists a share of power.

The hope was based on the Communists' showing in the elections for the European Parliament last year, when they became, briefly, Italy's most popular party, overtaking the Christian Democrats.

But the strategy failed in its first real test last month, when the Communists lost ground in nationwide local elections. The Christian Democrats came in first again, getting 35 percent of the vote to the Communists' 30 percent. The Socialists gained, as did the Republicans, all adding up to a solid 58-percent majority for the five-party coalition.

The Communists now hope for a referendum victory, but the government parties have been campaigning as a solid bloc for a "no" vote, and appear confident that their majority will hold up again.

Agca's Antics: Pressure on Judge and Legal System

By Michael Dobbs
Washington Post Service

ROME — There were times Friday, during the most dramatic session yet in the two-week-old conspiracy trial in the 1981 attack on Pope John Paul II, when it seemed as if Mehmet Ali Agca, the pope's assailant, was playing with the judges like a cat with a mouse.

Tantalizing details about his past career as a terrorist were interlarded with seemingly insane rantings about being Jesus Christ and sweeping charges that his life was threatened by the Soviet and Bulgarian secret services.

Mr. Agca's erratic behavior has created enormous legal and moral problems for Judge Severino Santapichi, one of Italy's most respected judges, who is ultimately responsible for deciding whether there was a "Bulgarian connection" in the attack on the pope.

In effect, the Italian state's case against three accused Bulgarians rests on the pretrial testimony of a self-acknowledged perjurer who is now refusing to cooperate with the court.

Throughout the session, Mr. Agca refused to give any evidence about the three Bulgarian officials whom he has named as his accomplices in the plot to shoot the pope.

Apart from Mr. Agca, no witness has been found to confirm any of the numerous meetings that are alleged to have taken place in Italy and in Bulgaria between the Turkish gunman and the three Bulgarian officials on trial in Rome.

Nor has there been any trace of the \$1.2 million that Mr. Agca says he and his Turkish accomplices were paid by Bulgaria to kill the pope.

Among Judge Santapichi's con-

cerns are the damage that could be done to the reputation of the Italian justice system if the state's case collapses. The three-year investigation into Mr. Agca's claims of Soviet bloc involvement attracted intense media attention around the

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world and, at one point, it appeared it would cause damage to the future of East-West relations.

Unease about the case surfaced in Italian press commentaries Saturday. A columnist for *La Stampa*, the respected Turin daily, described Mr. Agca as "a person without scruples" who was trying to "ridicule the justice system of our country in the eyes of the entire world."

Roberto Martinelli, the columnist, commented: "It is not easy now for our justice system to redirect a trial that has been so polluted and to restore credibility and authority to it. If the possibility of recovery exists, it is not through Agca. The pope's assailant has shown that he cannot lead the judges toward the truth."

In public comments Friday, Judge Santapichi referred several times to his responsibility for seeing that the trial was conducted in a proper manner. When Mr. Agca announced, "Bulgaria is guilty," he was admonished by Judge Santapichi, who said, "We are not judging countries, we are judging individual people."

At another point, after spectators in the courtroom burst out laughing at Mr. Agca's antics, the judge remarked: "There's not much to laugh about but there is something to cry about."

Pravda Says U.S. Wants to Wreck SALT-2

The Associated Press

MOSCOW — Pravda called U.S. arms control policy "deceitful and cynical" in an editorial Sunday and said that the Reagan administration was "getting ready to wreck" the 1979 nuclear arms treaty.

The Communist Party daily newspaper renewed Soviet accusations that the United States wanted to avoid agreements limiting nuclear weapons.

"The present-day U.S. administration is the only U.S. government in quite a number of years which deliberately refuses to seek with the Soviet Union mutually acceptable accords in the field of security," Pravda said.

"Now it is about to go even further in pursuit of its dangerous militarist line," it said.

The editorial was referring to discussions in Washington about

whether to continue to observe the terms of the second strategic arms limitation treaty, known as SALT-2.

The accord was never ratified by the United States, but both superpowers have agreed to observe its provisions as long as neither side violates them.

Mr. Reagan was to submit a report to Congress on Monday on the status of the unratified treaty.

Sources in the administration told The Washington Post on Friday that he would announce that the United States would continue to comply with the treaty while leaving the door open for "appropriate responses" to Soviet violations.

Leading officials within the Reagan administration have been split on the question of the treaty, with

hard-liners such as Defense Secretary Caspar W. Weinberger urging the president to drop the accord because of Soviet violations.

A decision on SALT-2 is being forced by the addition of a Trident missile-firing submarine this fall, which would put the United States over the treaty limit unless older weapons were retired.

Pravda charged that Washington "is getting ready to wreck the SALT-2 treaty, which has up to now served as a threshold containing the escalation of rivalry in strategic armaments."

"The U.S. leadership is treading a dangerous path. And it should be clear to it that if the U.S. administration steps over that threshold, it will incur grave responsibility for all the consequences of this step," Pravda accused the Reagan ad-

ministration of using concerns about verification provisions to avoid reaching agreements on arms controls. "It is a deceitful and cynical stand," the newspaper said.

[On Saturday, the official Soviet press agency, Tass, said that Washington would abrogate the treaty in full or "step by step." United Press International reported. Tass said that by discussing the status of the treaty, Washington was "destroying the false front it has built to camouflage its policies."

"The only point at issue is what method of scrapping the treaty would be less painful to the U.S.A. from the point of view of world public reaction," Tass said.

"Whether the commitments assumed by the U.S.A. under the treaty should be abrogated openly and in full or whether this should be done creepingly, step by step."

Efficiency Drive Lagging in Soviet

Reuters

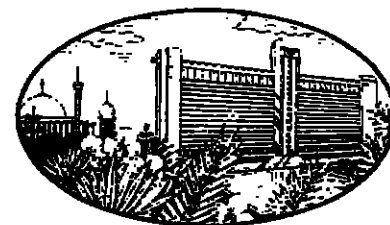
MOSCOW — The drive by the Soviet leader, Mikhail S. Gorbachev, to make Soviet industry more efficient has not yet produced results, and figures for the first few months of this year are poor, according to a Moscow newspaper.

The daily *Sotsialisticheskaya Industriya* said that it appeared that many workers and factory managers had failed to realize what was expected of them. "Far from all enterprises and sectors have made a decisive turn to intensive methods of management," the newspaper said Saturday.

The paper singled out for criticism the coal, oil and chemical industries, all of which it said had failed to perform as well as expected in the first four months of 1985.

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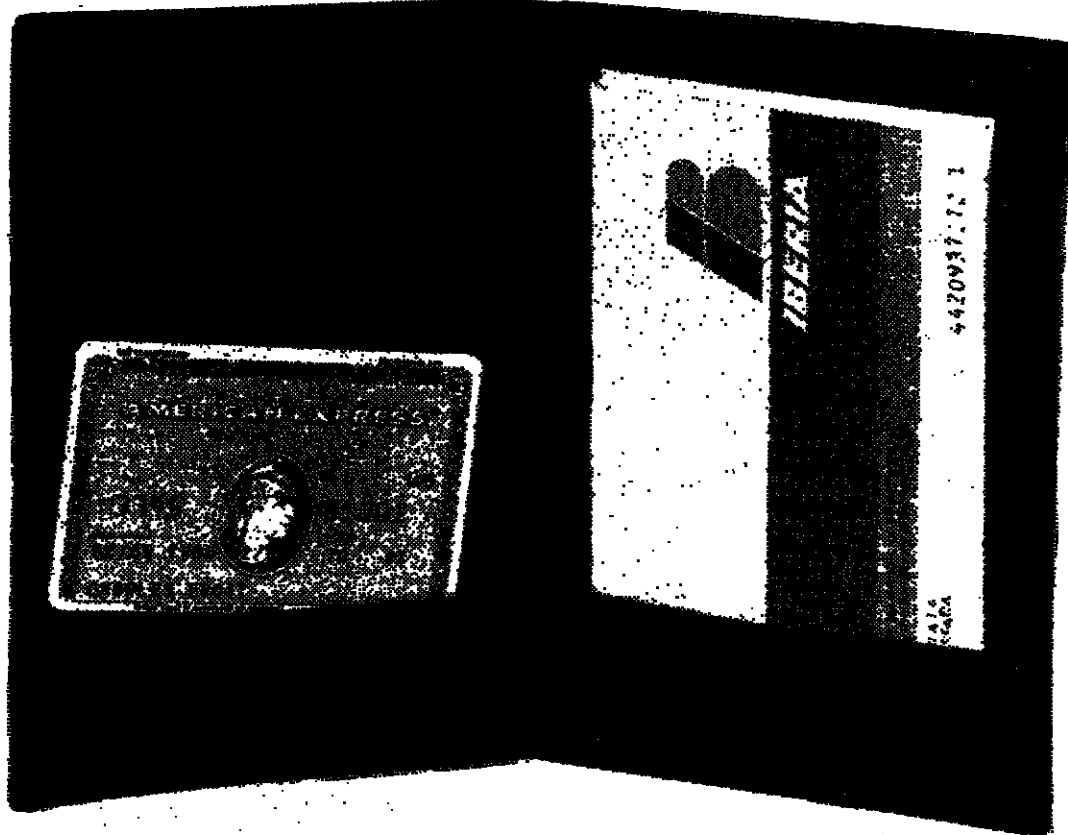
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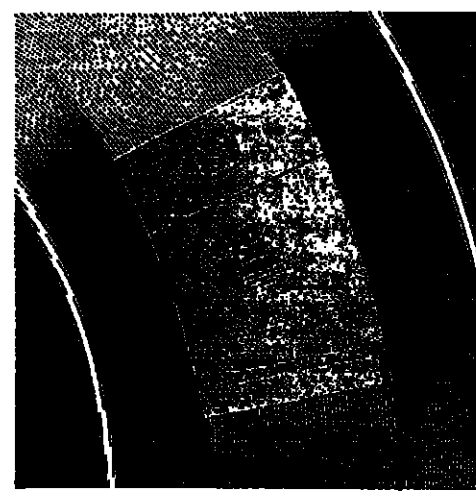
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Americans and Apartheid

The urge to punish South Africa for apartheid is now palpable throughout the United States. Americans want to destroy this abhorrent structure of racism or disown its sponsors' claimed kinship with Western culture. Most Americans want to do business with South Africa only to the extent that this can undermine the Afrikaners' hateful doctrines.

It is the job of a president to give voice and shape to such a mood. President Reagan has failed to do so — whether or not he has been betrayed by the Afrikaners he tried to befriend. That makes it not only right but necessary for Congress to fill the void, as it is now doing with admirable discretion.

Two concerns have impeded America's assaults on apartheid. One is that strong sanctions might hurt South Africa's blacks more than their oppressors. The other is the administration's view that sanctions would harden the white regime without really hurting it.

Yet the president's alternative of "constructive engagement" has come up empty. The Afrikaners' only concessions are attributable either to the threat of foreign sanctions or to internal economic necessity. And none of the concessions move nearer to granting the black majority a political voice.

As violence spreads, the administration has become the Afrikaners' apologist, exaggerating their concessions and minimizing their brutalities. American policy has not even ended South Africa's illegal occupation of South-West Africa, or Namibia, which was to have been Mr. Reagan's diplomatic prize for relaxing the pressure imposed in the Carter years.

Americans have therefore been struggling, ineffectually, to create their own diplomatic, mostly demanding that state and city governments, universities and pension funds sell off the stocks of companies operating in South Africa. But this has left America's largest corporations confused about the goal: Are they expected to work harder against apartheid in South Africa, as some have tried, or to abandon all profit from such an abhorrent system?

Local politicians and corporate directors are poorly placed to make this critical choice. Given the president's default, it is left to Congress to define a new national policy. The measures before it threaten a gradual withdrawal of business from South Africa, but they also set standards for relief and show due

regard for the welfare of South Africa's blacks.

The threat of disinvestment may be more potent than the fact. The 300 American companies in South Africa can perhaps advance the careers of their 70,000 black employees. And though blacks generally share inadequately in South African prosperity, economic growth tends to enlarge the whites' dependence on them. But if forced to leave, American companies would be mostly replaced by investors from other countries, who are likely to be indifferent to apartheid.

American disinvestment, in sum, would not greatly damage South Africa's economy. That insight gave rise in 1977 to the Sullivan principles, a code of obligations to blacks by which 200 American companies justify staying there. But even the Reverend Leon Sullivan, the code's author, now despairs of the pace of change. He favors a law to make the code mandatory, with a total embargo to follow in two years if apartheid still stands.

Congress is moving slowly in the same direction. The House of Representatives has voted to ban new loans and new investments, but would let existing investments stand. It would also prohibit importing gold coins from South Africa and exporting computers to its government. It would delay these sanctions if specified apartheid measures were repealed. The Senate Foreign Relations Committee proposes enacting the Sullivan code plus lesser sanctions, combined with a warning of a ban on new investment in 18 months.

That such sanctions may not have great economic impact does not make them worthless. On the contrary, they would deliver psychological and moral blows against the Afrikaners without great damage to the economy on which blacks, too, depend. As the Afrikaners show with their energetic lobbying against sanctions, what they dread most is ostracism from the community of Western nations.

The indicated House-Senate compromise on sanctions would serve notice that Americans no longer accept the apologies and pieties called "constructive engagement." If South Africa's rulers want to regain their standing in the culture led by Americans, they will heed this plea for gradual but real progress. If such earnest yet modest pressure fails to move them, the chances are that nothing ever will.

—THE NEW YORK TIMES.

Keeping a Nation's Secrets

Before World War II, the great object of espionage was war plans: to find out whether or how a prospective enemy intended to attack. During the war, the focus necessarily shifted to codes and orders of battle, matters that could affect the course of the struggle. After the war, the urgency of the question of nuclear war or blackmail produced a new priority: the secrets related to the making and deploying of nuclear weapons. The backwardness of Soviet science gave the Kremlin an extra incentive to pursue this mission, even as the openness of American society gave it an extra opportunity. In fact, the Soviet effort to steal nuclear secrets began when the two countries were wartime allies. The Walker case is the latest evident sign of it.

The nagging question remains: how to keep the secrets. There can be no single set of answers. The beginning of one set, however, is to recognize with whom the United States is dealing: not with highly educated, politicized elite figures of the sort familiar from British fiction and reality, and not with professional master spies of the Rudolf Abel mold, but with, essentially, ordinary servicemen and national security workers. High-technology defense creates a requirement for large numbers of them to write the programs, keep the logs, change the codes. There may be no better way

to ensure their loyalty than the gritty and, yes, often intrusive attention to individual performance and vulnerability that is the classic routine — though it cannot be performed routinely — of counterintelligence.

But whether this vital work can be conducted with even minimal effectiveness in the existing bureaucratic circumstances is uncertain. The one useful result of the Walker case may turn out to be to propel review of a hopelessly overgrown and encumbered security system, one that seems to distinguish poorly between necessary and less necessary secrets and among the different techniques needed to guard different kinds of secrets.

The overall problem has to be broken down into parts. High technology, for instance, at once manufactures and dissolves secrets: the same interchange necessary to develop and apply them exposes them to being lost. Surely, however, the joints at which leaks are likeliest can be better sealed. Reducing and rationalizing the kinds of secrets to be kept and the numbers of people with access to them should not be beyond the wit of humankind.

Meanwhile, the law must be vigorously enforced against those caught in its coils. If personal gain is a motive for breaking security, personal loss should be confirmed as a price.

—THE WASHINGTON POST.

Other Opinion

Pressuring the Sandinists

Many Americans who once doubted the prudence of military aid to the democratic resistance in Nicaragua have since been disgusted by the policies of the Sandinists.

That tide of opinion turned on the Sandinists because they rejected a reasonable offer to talk. Their refusal reinforces the theory that only pressure has led to changes in the policies of the Sandinists. They could, of course, prove that theory wrong and initiate talks without seeming to be forced into them. That is what many would have them do. However, this stalemate is no excuse for avoiding the challenge of making peace. President Reagan has accepted the challenge. He has asked Congress to give him the flexibility that can lead to a negotiated peace in Nicaragua. As he has said:

This is not a call for the overthrow of the Sandinists; it is a call for democracy.

—Langhorne A. Motley, former U.S. assistant secretary of state for inter-American affairs, in the Los Angeles Times.

Sanctions Won't End Apartheid

Considering how long it took the United States to do justice to its own negroes, one might expect that country to be understanding about South Africa's slow progress. The problem for South Africa is incomparably more complex than ever it was in the United States. Congress should consider how it would have reacted if foreign countries had sought to apply sanctions back when U.S. practices — lynching, etc. — shocked Europe's conscience.

—The Sunday Telegraph (London).

Nicaragua 'Backs Into' Its Neighbors

By Richard Cohen

WASHINGTON — In the old joke, a Catholic priest is driving along when he smashes into the car in front of him. A stereotypical Irish cop comes along, looks at the damage and says to the priest, "Father, how fast was he going when he backed into you?"

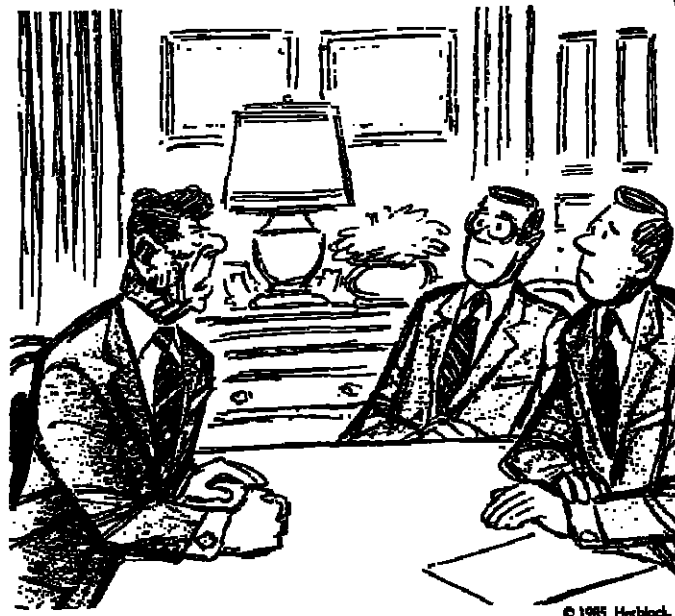
From the White House comes a belittling condemnation of Nicaragua for what amounts to "backing into" both Honduras and Costa Rica. Larry Speakes, his master's voice, went into his moral-outrage mode after Sandinist troops reportedly crossed into both countries.

"The United States," he said, "strongly condemns these actions and calls upon the government of Nicaragua to halt immediately any further action against its neighbors."

Mr. Speakes did not mention that for some years Honduras has been used as a staging area for the "contras," who have repeatedly entered Nicaragua, killed troops and civilians, blown up installations and created as much mayhem as possible — and then retreated to their haven in Honduras. It was only a matter of time until the Nicaraguans would go into Honduras. This is what former Secretary of State Alexander Haig used to call "going to the source."

Costa Rica, too, has sheltered anti-Sandinist rebels. The country has been the prime base for guerrillas under Eden Pastora, the former Commander Zero, whose ties to the CIA are more tenuous than those of the Honduras-based contras. What is not clear is whether the government of Costa Rica, a democracy with no regular army, can control guerrillas operating within its borders.

In legal terms, what is going on is entrapment. The Reagan administration supports contras who use Costa



'I want more democracy in Nicaragua and I don't want the opinions of those darn representatives in Congress.'

Rica and Honduras to stage raids into Nicaragua, and then it cries foul when the Sandinists give chase. This is precisely what the United States did when Mexicans such as Pancho Villa had the effrontery to raid Texas border settlements. President Woodrow Wilson sent General John Pershing into Mexico.

Nicaragua's Sandinist leadership seems convinced that there is nothing it can do short of suicide to please the Reagan administration and so it ought to just do what it wants to protect its own country. It seems equally convinced that the United States with its own troops will someday invade Nicaragua. A Reagan administration military buildup in Central America — seven airfields in Honduras alone — has left the United States as ready as it ever will be to launch an invasion and, within certain limits, to ensure its success.

The Sandinist reading of the situation may or may not be accurate. In Washington one can see sure. House Speaker Thomas P. O'Neill is

on record as saying that Ronald Reagan is determined to invade. Others say Mr. Reagan is playing a huge bluff, that he is making the Sandinists nervous, increasing pressure on them, causing internal discontent and — typically for a U.S. president — taking the long view and playing things out slowly. In time, with a little help from its enemies, the Sandinist regime will collapse.

Maybe. But history teaches that events have a way of getting out of control. If so, the Washington debate about the president's intentions may be moot. Already the United States has reaffirmed its Rio Pact commitment to Honduras and assured that the country would be defended by the United States if attacked. Washington has so rattled the cage of the Sandinist leaders that they may conclude that if they are going to go eventually, they might as well go on their own terms. To exhume a word from a previous era, things have a tendency to "escalate."

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Mixed Signs for an Improvement of U.S.-Indian Ties

By Narendra Singh

LAUSANNE, Switzerland — When Prime Minister Jawaharlal Nehru first visited Washington in 1949, great expectations were raised in American economic and political circles for close ties. Had not Roosevelt urged Churchill to accept Indian demands for freedom? When Mr. Nehru reacted rather coolly, the Truman administration's attitude toward India stiffened.

Hopes were raised when John F. Kennedy invited Mr. Nehru. Disappointment and a certain estrangement followed their 1961 summit.

But Prime Minister Indira Gandhi's meetings with Richard Nixon and later Ronald Reagan raised high expectations, and some good can be said to have come from them. Henry Kissinger has recorded how disagreeable Mr. Nixon found her. He also recorded his impression that the lady was not one to be browbeaten by the Russians.

Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi represents a different generation of Indians. They are more confident and more pragmatic. They have been trying to breathe fresh air into the Indian political scene. Change has also come in Washington: A lot of water has flowed down the Potomac since the Kennedy years.

Here are some points that seem to me to favor improved U.S.-Indian relations today — and other points that suggest less well.

● India is now less dependent on U.S. economic aid and totally independent of food aid. Complexes generated by the donor-recipient relationship are less evident.

● There is now less suspicion in the United States that India's economic policy could one day take that large country into the Communist camp. The shift since the 1970s in Indian economic thinking — toward greater participation of the private sector and more liberalism — is gaining momentum under the new government and may be becoming irreversible. Leaders and administrators who came under the spell of Fabianism in the 1920s and '30s have well nigh disappeared. The deepening of the democratic process has increased the influence of the masses

on policy. Voters want results tomorrow, not at some distant date set by ideologues.

● There is perhaps less touchiness on the Indian side in dealing with the Americans. This has come with the disappearance of Indian leaders and administrators educated in Britain before the war. Those Indians had imbibed the fashionable English prejudices of the time against the Americans, without understanding that these stemmed partly from jealousy.

● With the breakdown of Bangladesh from Pakistan, the latter became too small to be equated with India. An American effort to balance

Rajiv Gandhi represents a new generation of Indians. Change has come in Washington, too.

India with Pakistan was the original cause of Indian alienation from the United States. The Reagan administration's greater prudence in dealing with China has not gone unnoticed.

● India's performance in the economic and political fields — in spite of continuing grave problems — has been better than was expected in the United States a quarter century ago. Present-day India's growing capacity and confidence make it a far more worthwhile partner.

Working against closer ties are these factors: ● The United States will have to convince Mr. Gandhi that it is willing to cooperate to curb the activities of Sikh extremists who operate from the United States. The Indian public is more concerned about this issue at the moment than almost any other.

● Misunderstandings can arise from the very economic reforms that have been applauded in the United States. India is bound to move cau-

tiously in carrying out any major shifts because these must be based on a wide consensus. American businessmen may be disappointed to find that India is unwilling to open the door to foreign goods and capital, except in areas of high technology and export-oriented industries.

● If Mr. Gandhi is entirely to be judged by the amount of pressure he is willing to apply on the Soviet Union over Afghanistan, Indian opinion is bound to feel that President Reagan is not so much interested in bilateral accommodation as in playing the global game. People in India ask why those desiring shifts do not first work to improve India's security environment, which a fair Chinese-Indian border agreement would certainly promote. A stringent U.S. policy to isolate the Soviet Union would pose continuing problems for U.S.-Indian relations.

● Then there is danger from renewed U.S. entanglement with Pakistan. The supply of long-range sophisticated aircraft and radar systems to Pakistan, at a time when it is thought to be making every effort to produce a nuclear bomb, causes suspicion of U.S. policy. Indians are unable to accept the argument that these arms are nothing but morale boosters or payoffs for a Pakistani regime willing to lend a hand in the Afghanistan imbroglio. President Mohammed Zia ul-Haq is not going to drop bombs on Kabul or Moscow, people in India say.

So the United States may prefer to play a waiting game before deciding truly to cooperate with the new Indian prime minister.

After Mr. Gandhi became prime minister last year, an East European diplomat remarked that it is a curious world in which large countries are ruled by former actors and airline pilots. But that is what democracy is all about. And the two leaders who will face each other this week both have the strength of immense mandates.

The writer, a former Indian ambassador to France who retired recently, contributed this comment to the International Herald Tribune.

Aid to the 'Contras': A CIA War Will Fail

By McGeorge Bundy

NEW YORK — President Reagan has won the Senate's support for a renewal of "nonmilitary" aid, through the Central Intelligence Agency, to the Nicaraguan "contras." No one should be deceived by the word "nonmilitary." If the House should agree, this money will be used to pay for everything short of weapons and bullets, and the rest of the needed funds will be sought in other places it would be embarrassing to explore. The Senate has voted for the Nicaraguan government. The House should reverse this vote on the simple and fundamental ground that this "covert" operation will not work.

I speak as someone with direct exposure to the ineffectiveness of covert operations. For five years in the Kennedy and Johnson administrations, I was chairman of the committee of the executive branch charged with approving or disapproving them. In 1961, I listened with a beginner's credulity to the arguments of the eager operatives who promoted what became the Bay of Pigs, and I did not know enough to ask the other side of the CIA — the "estimators" — for their judgment. Through the next two years and more, I watched with increasing skepticism as the Kennedy administration kept the pressure on the CIA for more and better — if smaller — covert operations.

I think that eventually I played a small part in his own learning from experience was much more important. In President Kennedy's growing recognition that covert action simply did not work and caused more trouble than it was worth, it is just plain wrong for President Reagan to suggest, as he has repeatedly, that President Kennedy's opposition to Cuban adventurism, which was indeed strong, would translate today into support for covert operations.

The dismal historical record of co-

vert military and paramilitary operations over the last 25 years is entirely clear. Characteristically, the exits who are willing to accept money and direction from the CIA are not as a group the most dedicated democrats. Characteristically, CIA recruiters prefer military professionals to enthusiastic amateurs, but such professionals, especially the graduates of repressive armies, do not ordinarily have great skill in guerrilla operations. Characteristically, CIA officials under pressure for results are driven to increasingly hatched schemes, and not all of them are honestly and fully explained to superiors or to Congress.

Characteristically, moreover, revolutionary governments under this kind of attack give the highest priority to defeating it. The existence of the anti-government forces becomes a powerful incentive to increased militarization and domestic repression.

My judgment about the contras is entirely independent of any certain conclusion about whether the Nicaraguan regime is irrevocably committed to the establishment of a totalitarian Marxist-Leninist regime and the export of violent revolution. What I do know is that covert action, with or without the aid of the CIA, is out more, makes the worst result more, not less, likely. The very existence of the contras plays into the hands of the hardest of the hard-liners in a government about which we have good reason to be wary.

There is one other lesson from history. Repeatedly, covert operations have been the consequence of a belief that no better instrument is available. This way of thinking is deeply wrong.

Let us consider the two basic possibilities for the Nicaraguan government. It may well persist in an increasingly Marxist-Leninist course, with increasing reliance on Soviet and Cuban aid and an increasing commitment to the export of violent revolution. If that is the chosen course, the United States will have a deep national interest in taking fully effective means to reverse it.

In my view, the most effective means, for the Caribbean area, was defined by the U.S. experience in the Cuban missile crisis. It is U.S. control of the seas that can defeat and reverse any such Nicaraguan choice. What Americans would require for the use of their sea power is regional support, which would in turn require a clarity of expression and purpose we have not had from this administration.

President Reagan seeks to frighten Americans with the specter of 100 million enslaved by Moscow and of refugees assaulting the nation's borders by the tens of millions. If the situation were this dangerous, surely we would be more likely to prevent it with naval forces than with a group of fighters open to purchase by the CIA.

Now consider the other possibility: that there is no inevitability in the future course of the Nicaraguan government, that it may come to accept pluralism in its own country and respect the rights of its neighbors, that it can back away from the slippery slope of increasing dependence on Havana and Moscow. Let us suppose also that Nicaragua's neighbors in the region and the Contadora group, can exert their own substantial influence in this direction. Is there not advantage in leaving this road open rather than building roadblocks?

I do not have a crystal ball to tell me which way the Sandinists will move. We must be prepared to make continuing judgments on their course, and we will be helped if we use diplomacy more seriously.

This covert enterprise, by itself, is doomed to failure. It will not bring the Sandinists to President Reagan's feet. It will confirm and not undermine their Marxist-Leninist leanings. It will not fulfill the hopes of the democrats among the contras. It will shed blood on all sides, and it will intensify polarization among Nicaraguans. It will discredit the American government among its friends. It will make constructive change in Nicaragua less likely, and regional support for any necessary counter course harder to obtain. It will do great harm, and it simply will not work.

The writer, a professor of history at New York University, served as national security adviser to Presidents Kennedy and Johnson. He contributed this view to The New York Times.

LETTER

On Rating Airlines

We read with interest your mention of some results of our membership survey in your Special Report on Aviation (May 31), which included lists of preferred and avoided airlines. Unfortunately, the results quoted were taken out of context. The survey conducted among the 100,000 worldwide members of the International Airline Passengers Association, is, we believe, the most comprehensive of its kind. The information you published was based on raw data from this survey and makes no allowance for a key factor in determining preference or avoidance: actual experience of flying the airline.

Analysis of preference or avoidance in relation to the respondent's experience with airlines reveals a very different picture from the one shown in your table. For example, British Airways, one of the world's most frequently flown airlines, does not figure among the five most avoided carriers, though it topped your list.

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1910: Is Diaz Buying U.S. Influence?

WASHINGTON — Appearing before a committee of the House of Representatives are two authors of works on Mexico who have brought serious charges against President Porfirio Diaz and a number of American consuls. Mr. J.K. Turner charges President Diaz with granting concessions in Mexico to the value of \$900,000,000 to American financiers in return for their influence at Washington for the purpose of keeping him in power. Señor Gutierrez de Lara, a Mexican author, supports this. The two authors declare that they have proof that President Diaz has greatly abused his position by persecuting his political enemies. The House committee is considering the creation of a committee to probe the scandal.

1935: Greek Voters Snub Royalists

ATHENS — First returns in the elections in Greece (on June 6) for the choice of members of the National Assembly to revise the Constitution indicate that the Royalists have sustained a serious check. The vote in Athens and other cities indicates that abstentions were numerous and this, with the poor showing of the list headed by General John Metaxas, partisans of a restoration, is taken to indicate that Greek opinion is much divided on the question of a change of regime. With the Republican parties abstaining, the struggle was between the Popular Party, led by Premier Panayotis Tsaldaris and General George Kondylis, the war minister, on the one hand, and the Royalist Union of Metaxas, on the other.

Vonnegut in Poland: 'Spirit of Solidarity Lives'

NEW YORK — Two American writers, Kurt Vonnegut Jr. and William Styron, visited Poland in March. They met with dissident writers (including members of the disbanded PEN Club, or writers association) and Solidarity leaders. Tygodnik Mazowiecki, an underground paper, interviewed Mr. Vonnegut.

Questioner: Have you been following developments of recent years in Poland?

Vonnegut: Yes, after all, Solidarity has caught the attention of the whole world. I can't think of another social movement that is as unanimous — in a positive sense. Our interest in it is selfish. The American government is interested in it because it means that the Soviet Union has enemies here, but our selfishness is of a different kind. We would simply like to learn from Solidarity — to learn about the human condition, about men's possibilities and social conduct in conditions of danger.

Q: What gave you the idea of coming to Poland?

A: I had just finished a book and felt like going somewhere. I was curious about the situation of my Polish colleagues. Styron and I belong to the world organization of the PEN Club, and we do not like to be cut off from the writers in any country. We are interested in literature. . . . We are apolitical. But we are also interested in the freedom of thought and speech. We have no power, and we cannot make the Polish government reinstate the PEN Club. All we can do is to

tell our Polish friends that we are on their side.

Q: You have not met any officials, but you have talked to Solidarity chairman Lech Walesa and to a leader of the Solidarity underground, Zbigniew Bujak.

A: When I met a man, I become personally involved in the cause he represents. To a foreigner, Lech Walesa is like a Tibetan lama or Mother Teresa or Mahatma Gandhi. I talked to Walesa about the ways people in Poland can be active nowadays. I think it very encouraging that it is here that Marx's dream is being fulfilled — his dream of the withering or ignored state. I believe people lose a great deal of freedom when they begin to accept things from the government instead of from each other. Why? Because all governments — those that really have power — treat their peoples badly. The Polish underground is creating a society that is able to dispense with the state.

Q: Should we be optimistic?

A: Even with occupation, troops lurking behind the fence, we still might be lucky and have a beautiful day. One should enjoy this.

Q: Is there anything else you would like to say to the readers of an underground Solidarity paper?

A: The spirit of Solidarity lives on and affects the life of humanity. Nobody is completely successful in his life. What happened in Poland may not be a great success, but nobody has so far done any better.

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London's Junior Market

London's Unlisted Securities Market is continuing its healthy growth, with more than 35 new issues since the first of the year. That brings the number of small companies registered on the junior exchange to more than 280.

There have been some disappointing showings, however, especially among a spate of entries in the food sector. Investors, joined by a slump among USM technology issues, turned to the food-related sector as "new and emerging," explained Marian MacBryde of Hoare Govett. Then, "quite a number of poor results from the food companies" dampened the enthusiasm, she said.

But new issues by consulting, public-relations and sales-promotion firms remain a bright spot, she reported. Holmes & Marchant, a graphic design and sales-promotion company, was well received when it came to the market a few weeks ago. It is currently trading at about 28 (35 cents) pence a share, indicating a price/earnings multiple of 21. Another entry was Moorgate, a financial public-relations firm. The star of the sector remains Valin Pollen, an advertising and public-relations company that is trading at about 40 pence a share.

The Maple Leaf Boom

The U.S. House vote last week favoring sanctions against South Africa has accelerated the movement of gold coin investors into the Canadian Maple Leaf at the expense of the South African Kruggerand. Alan Posnick of Mantra, Tordella and Brookes, a New York precious-metals dealer, said "people are obviously showing a growing concern that [an import] ban is coming closer to reality."

Usually, the Canadian and South African coins sell at about the same premium over spot gold prices. But after the House vote, the Maple Leaf was selling at about a 3-percent premium versus a 2.5-percent premium for the Kruggerand, Mr. Posnick said. There has also been "much more swapping" of Kruggerands for Maple Leafs, he said.

Kruggerands used to outsell Maple Leafs by more than two to one in the New York market. Mr. Posnick says sales of Maple Leafs and Kruggerands were about equal in the first four or five months of the year.

On Money and Morals

The renewed protest about investment in South Africa has also focused attention on "moral" mutual funds. These are U.S. funds that examine a company's sense of social responsibility as well as its bottom line before making an investment in its stock. Managers of the more traditional funds have long viewed their high-minded colleagues with some skepticism. But a look at the recent performance of some of the moral funds raises questions about whether such an investment strategy is necessarily harmful to returns.

The Calvert Social Investment Fund of Bethesda, Maryland, has been one of top moral fund performers this year. Founded two years ago, Calvert is a managed growth fund and money-market fund with combined assets of \$63 million. In the five-month period ended May 23, the fund generated a return of 14.6 percent, according to Lipper Analytical Securities. This is almost two percentage points ahead of the Standard and Poor's 500 average.

Grace Parker, an assistant vice president at Calvert, said the fund is opposed to apartheid and will not invest in companies that do business with South Africa. The fund also shuns arms makers, companies that do not follow fair labor practices and even U.S. Treasury bonds. Treasury bonds, explained Miss Parker, support military spending.

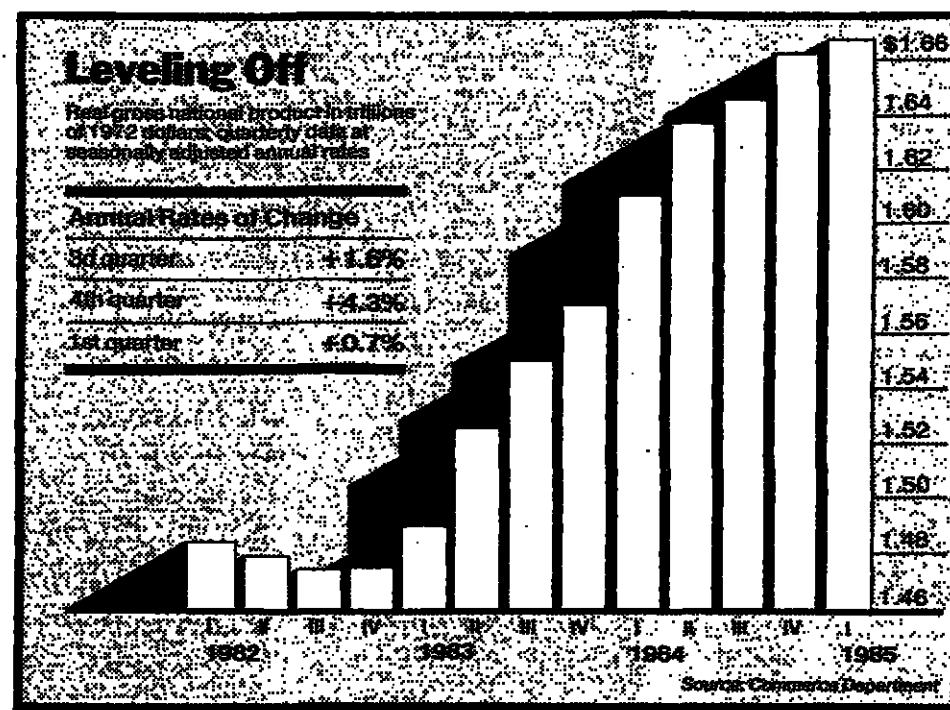
The Merc Branches Out

Two U.S. exchanges are closer to offering futures contracts on Canadian and Japanese stock indexes. Three weeks ago, the Chicago Mercantile Exchange agreed with Nihon Keizai Shimbun to market the Japanese newspaper's Nikkei composite average of 225 stocks traded on the Tokyo Stock Exchange and the broader Nikkei 500 index. Under a two-year licensing accord, the Merc can market the contract in North America and Asia, excluding Japan.

William J. Brodsky, president of the Merc, said the contract would initially be offered on the Singapore International Monetary Exchange because of the time-zone difference. But Mr. Brodsky hopes that Nikkei averages will eventually be offered in Chicago as part of the Merc's futures-trading link with Singapore.

The Chicago Board of Trade, meanwhile, said it would seek approval from the Commodity Futures Trading Commission to trade a futures contract tied to the Montreal Exchange's Canadian market portfolio index. The CBOT wants to begin trading the index of 25 of Canada's biggest companies next year.

Gauging the Impact of Slower U.S. Growth



NO SOONER had investors learned to live with the nagging problems of the dollar's strength and stubbornly high interest rates than another troubling development appeared on the horizon: the waning strength of the economic upturn.

In interviews conducted by the International Herald Tribune with more than 30 portfolio strategists and economists in the major financial centers, a clear picture of concern emerges about the slowdown in the U.S. economy and the ramifications for Europe and Asia.

This may be the single most important issue for investors in the second half of the year. Many analysts have been taking a second look at individual markets, sometimes redefining prospects in the light of slower economic growth, as well as domestic influences.

Such worries are not new. Debate about the durability of U.S. economic growth has been heard since the recovery got under way in earnest in 1983. But the anemic growth recorded in the United States in the first quarter of this year has heightened concern. Late last month, the Reagan administration said the economy grew at a 0.7 percent annual rate in the first three months of the year, about half the initial estimate. Although Washington is sticking to its projections of 4-percent growth in 1985, the realization that rallies in Tokyo and to some degree in Europe have been tied to export growth has money managers fretting over the vitality of the U.S. economy.

Many U.S. analysts dismiss the current sluggish economic climate as a temporary setback. Michael Sherman, chief portfolio strategist at Shearson Lehman Brothers in New York, argues that the world economy is still building up momentum for what will be an unusually long recovery. "I've taken the attitude that this cycle we're in is not a normal cycle," he said. "When you look around the world for signs of growth, there just aren't a lot of examples. Europe is in stagnation. There is just not a whole lot of thrust around. We're in the early stages of a long cycle."

Last month's decision by the Federal Reserve to cut the discount rate by half a percentage point to 7½ percent is seen by most observers as a commitment to sustain economic growth at a slower, but acceptable, pace through the end of the year. Many experts expect the growth rate to average from 2 percent to 3 percent in the second half.

Already speculation is building about another slight reduction in interest rates. "I see another cut in the discount rate in the next month, or month and a half, before the end of the summer," said George Collins, director of fixed-income research at T. Rowe Price, a mutual fund group. "The economy will pick up."

While concern over the dollar and interest rates remain, it no longer appears as a dominant theme in investment circles. Most analysts do not foresee any major drop in U.S. or European interest rates

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TOKYO:

Spreading doubt about the outlook for exporters

When Minoru Miura talks of Tokyo's two-tier stock market, he is not alluding to the traditional segregation of big and small companies on the stock exchange. Instead, the senior research analyst at Nikko Securities is referring to the market's new fascination for domestic issues and its decidedly bearish view of blue-chip exporters.

In many ways, Mr. Miura's view reflects a new reality in the Tokyo market, which has enjoyed nearly uninterrupted gains since 1974, thanks largely to Japan's export might. The prospects of slower growth in the United States and a worrisome trade conflict with Washington, analysts say, could mean a decline in the volume of sales to American consumers.

Now, instead of Toyotas, Sony televisions and high-technology gadgets, Japanese analysts are looking to other symbols to portray the investment theme through the end of the year. Usually they are found in the less glamorous world of clothing stores, construction companies and fast-food chains.

Market analysts are betting on strong domestic demand and are looking for consumer-related stocks that can benefit. Even the banking sector, a strong area in the past 12 months, is not expected to do as well. This greatly limits the choice of sectors with significant upside potential.

"Basically, you can write off 50 percent of the market," said Nobumitsu Kagami, who heads No-

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NEW YORK:

Faith in upturn remains strong

The crisis over savings and loan institutions in Ohio and Maryland had just abated and the nation's economy was showing signs of fatigue, but the Dow Jones industrial index quietly stepped across a record 1,300 mark last month, and it shows few signs of giving up any ground.

While it is true that Wall Street has made a habit of looking for silver linings in economic clouds, the latest market confidence "reflects the belief that business activity will pick up in the next half and the reality that stocks and bonds offer the best returns in a low-inflation environment."

Few analysts expect U.S. stocks to duplicate the bullish run of 1983 or even to keep up the pace so far this year. Instead, most market watchers expect steady, if unspectacular gains through the rest of the year, with a handful seeing the Dow at 1,400 by the end of the year. "We've had pretty good times in the first six months. I would be very surprised to match it," said David Testa, who manages T. Rowe Price's Growth Fund.

The view among analysts in the United States is that the economic slowdown is cause for concern, not panic. Most expect activity to remain slow in the current quarter but have a more optimistic growth scenario for the second half. Their confidence stems from a widely held view that the Federal Reserve has finally overcome its lingering misgivings about inflation and displayed willingness to accommodate the economic upturn through lower interest rates.

Indeed, the gradual reduction in interest rates and expectations of further declines are behind the New York Stock Exchange's recent good fortunes. Few on Wall Street talk of a steep drop in rates. Instead, most analysts anticipate a slow descent, just enough to nurture the lagging expansion. Even the nervous talk of the bulging federal deficit and its impact on rates, which was a common theme in 1984, have waned as the Reagan administration and Congress work toward a compromise.

"There's a lot of pressure on the Fed to bring rates down," said Michael Sherman, chief portfolio

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LONDON:

Crucial factors: new issues and weak oil prices

Global attention focused last week on the vote by the London Stock Exchange to begin deregulating trading next year, but a more immediate concern to many analysts was whether the British market's recent strength can be sustained through the end of the year.

Few expect a major fall in share prices, but a number of analysts think that the market may not have much more room for growth, especially in view of falling oil prices and the weight of new issues envisioned under the Thatcher government's privatization proposals.

Many stock pickers have decided on an approach that emphasizes domestic-oriented issues. These are the least likely to be hurt by the strengthening pound and could benefit from improving economic conditions.

Kenneth Ingles, head of equity research at Phillips & Drew, admits the outlook for stocks is "a bit tricky," especially with the first domestic mutual funds squeezed by the combined impact of sterling's gains on the dollar and high interest rates. However, he points to a "high-dividend culture" now being established in Britain that could help the market. With dividends growing on average by 2 percent to 3 percent in real terms, he says, investors are likely to continue to buy equities.

His choices include Habitat Mothercare, Grand

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EUROPE:

The funds flock to Milan market

Frankfurt may boast of record heights and Zurich its stability. But in the minds of many stock analysts, the big attraction in Europe in the second half may have a surprisingly Italian flavor.

Money managers around the globe are pouring funds into the tiny Milan bourse, where a reputation for insider trading and an erratic economy have traditionally gone hand in hand.

Although there are signs of reform, the new fascination with Italian stocks has less to do with a change in long-term fundamentals than with short-term structural changes. Last year, the government sanctioned the first domestic mutual funds, and Italian investors have been quick to jump in.

More than 20 funds now exist, and their big investments in equities have propelled the Milan market to record levels.

To avoid pushing share prices too far too fast, the funds slowed equity purchases in the spring, but the buying is expected to continue through the

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Japanese cars on a New Jersey dock.

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Gold: Talk of Range, Not Rally

By Bruce Hager

INVESTORS frustrated by the recent sluggishness in the gold market will take heart from Charles Stahl. The publisher of Green's Commodity Market Comments has been following precious metals and currency markets for more than 40 years, and he firmly believes a bull market is already in the works.

The reason is cyclical factors. "Normally, there's no exact timing in gold," said Mr. Stahl, who tracks the markets from Princeton, New Jersey. "But then, normally, bull markets should last longer than bear markets." The last bull market ran from 1976 to 1980, and the current bear market is well into its fifth year. What that means, Mr. Stahl says, is that investors should be prepared for a gold trading price of \$350 to \$380, sparked by a weaker dollar and higher inflation over the next six months.

A change would be welcome. Precious metals have been at a static stage since a brief March rally boosted gold prices to almost \$350 on the back of a weakening dollar and the news that Ohio savings and loan institutions were on the brink of collapse. Gold has since retreated to the \$300-\$330 range, while silver has sunk to around \$6 an ounce. Platinum has risen slightly to \$265.

The main reasons for the price weakness, according to Mr. Stahl and other metal analysts, are the relative health of the U.S. economy and the strength of the dollar. Both are key factors in any investor's decision to buy or sell gold versus securities over a given period, coupled with the current rate of inflation and interest rates. But with inflation in

the low single digits and interest rates falling, some analysts believe the bear will die hard.

"The outlook is not particularly healthy for the short term," said Alan Davidson, a precious-metals analyst with Shearson-Lehman/American Express in London. "Physical buying has been improved below \$300, but if the Deutsche mark went back to 3.20 [from its current 3.07 to the dollar], then I couldn't rule out a break below \$300."

The dollar is not the only culprit, however. Oil prices have been weak recently, and coupled with Norway's decision in May to cut crude quotes, speculators have begun to predict the trend will be toward steady or lower prices in the near term, leading to a deflationary climate. "We are going to see very little upside ability," said Glenn Rosenberg, a research analyst with Rudolf Wolff Futures Inc. "Gold has lost its credibility."

To an extent, analysts like to talk about "resistance points" or psychological barriers, and \$300 is the bottom line these days. When gold dips below that mark, big traders such as Middle East countries and central banks rush in to consolidate or add to their positions. Another resistance point is \$330, which the Russians have found attractive to sell at to raise currency.

That ceiling does not appear to daunt Michael Coulson, gold analyst at Phillips & Drew, the London broker. Mr. Coulson predicts prices could reach the \$390 mark by November and breach \$400 by early January on fears of natural economic slowdowns. "I am afraid it's not going to last very long," Mr. Coulson warns. "People are then going

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Slower U.S. Growth Forces Some Shifts in Strategy

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before the year's end. Those in the United States think interest rates will continue the gradual descent that began last year, with the yield on long-term bonds dipping below 10 percent from the current 10 1/2 percent.

Consequently, the likelihood of a dramatic fall in the dollar appears slim. Currency experts see it trading in a narrow range of 2.90 to 3.10 Deutsche marks. Masahiro Yamada, who manages international investments for Nippon Life Insurance, Japan's biggest corporation, sees a gradual depreciation, with European currencies benefiting in the short term. But he sees no reason to lower his exposure to the dollar. "The emphasis is still on U.S. dollar investments," he said.

With little headway expected against high real interest rates and with inflation rates at relatively low levels, a number of global money managers have been enlarging their portfolios of fixed-income instruments, especially in light of the fact that slower growth may hurt corporate earnings. Government bonds in the United States, Britain, West Germany and the Netherlands remain the favorites. The European instruments are especially attractive if the dollar weakens in the second half.

"For stocks to do well, bonds must do even better," said Karl Van Horn, chairman of American Express Asset Management in London. Mr. Van Horn is so certain of his convictions that 30 percent of his \$150-million equity portfolio is invested in bonds, primarily U.S. securities.

While the variety of bonds with good potential in the second half may make the selection process easier for investors, the choice of equities is proving a lot trickier.

In the minds of many, Japan is emerging as the first casualty of the U.S. slowdown. Scarcely a year ago, the Tokyo Stock Exchange was enjoying unrivaled success and international money managers continued to funnel investment dollars into the blue chips that had led Japan's export growth. Now, there are serious questions about whether trade levels can be sustained. The growing protectionist mood in Washington adds to the concern.

"It's a U.S. problem, but it's the major political issue for this market," said Michael Connors, who heads Jardine Fleming's research department in Tokyo. "Until we have a better view of the U.S. economy and world economy, people will still be jittery about blue chips."

NONE is suggesting that there will be a sharp correction in Tokyo, but doubts about whether the market can maintain its upward momentum are widespread. Tokyo's stumble in March frightened many investors and, several analysts say, pointed up the frailties of the market, where rallies are as much a product of speculation as fundamental factors.

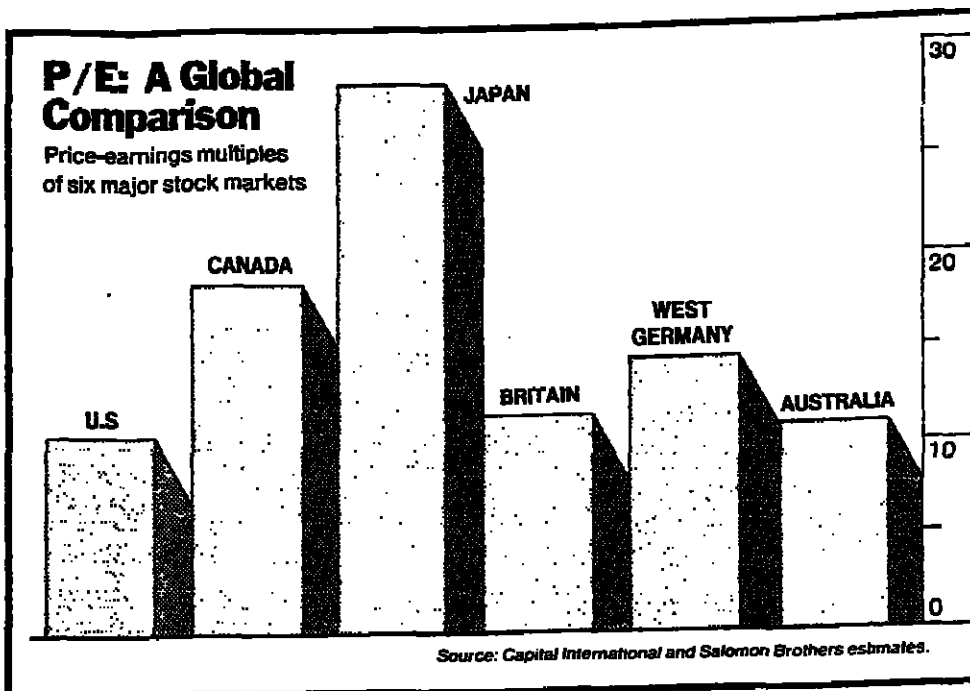
Apparently weary of the Tokyo market's unpredictable nature, some money managers in Europe and in the United States have decided to lower their positions in Japanese stocks in the second half. "The Japanese have been engaging in private speculations at the cost of foreign investors," declared Christopher P. Murphy, vice president in charge of portfolio investments for Citicorp Bank in Switzerland.

European markets, which have enjoyed healthy rallies since the start of the year, are also seen as vulnerable to the slowdown in U.S. economic growth. In West Germany, where the economy depends heavily on exports, there are already signs of a shift in investment strategy in the Frankfurt market.

Portfolio managers at the big Frankfurt merchant bank, BHF Bank, are selling stocks in export-oriented companies that have led the market recently and placing greater emphasis on undervalued German blue chips and smaller companies.

P/E: A Global Comparison

Price-earnings multiples of six major stock markets



Source: Capital International and Salomon Brothers estimates.

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muira Investment Management Co., a new division of Nomura Securities Co. that invests U.S. pension funds in the Pacific Basin.

Mr. Kagami, who expects the Tokyo market to be flat in coming months, admits to caution in Japan. Hitachi and Matsushita are among the few big exporters and electronic stocks he likes. He favors retailers, food companies and restaurants. "But nowhere would we make a big commitment," he said.

Not surprisingly, Mr. Kagami and other money managers are looking elsewhere in the Far East, especially in Hong Kong where price/earnings multiples are less than half those in Tokyo. "I find the Japanese market is difficult to deal with. Most people have had a tough time," said George Noble, who manages Fidelity's international fund. "I think the chips are stacked against a lot of Japanese stocks."

Mr. Noble has limited his exposure in Japan to 10 percent of his portfolio. By contrast, Hong Kong accounts for 20 percent of the \$19 million he has under management. His picks included China Light & Power, Swire Pacific and Hutchison Whampoa.

Nikko's Mr. Miura is more optimistic. He expects Japanese economic growth to average about 5 percent this year and points to the recent rise in consumer spending and increase in housing starts as good signs for the market. He also notes that the increase in corporate earnings will probably filter down to Japanese consumers in the form of bonuses this summer. High on his buy list are Mitsubishi Estate, Japan's largest builder, and Tokio Marine & Fire, a leading insurance company.

Tatsuhiko Miyake, institutional research manager for Nomura, is concentrating on the property and housing sectors, as well as specialty stocks. "It's a relatively defensive stance, and it doesn't differ much from our first-half choices," he said.

His current picks include Keio and Shimadzu, small chain stores that cater to the do-it-yourself crowd. Mr. Miyake also likes some of the smaller clothing chains that are enjoying brisk sales. These



Nobumitsu Kagami of Nomura

include Suzutani, based in Nagoya, and two over-the-counter stocks, Taka Q and Cabin.

The main problem, Mr. Miyake said, is whether the government will take measures, such as a tax cut, to boost consumption. Measures to stimulate imports will be announced in late July, but a decision on a tax cut is not expected before year's end.

"When we see an upturn in domestic consumption, then we can turn toward the large retailers, Ito-Yokado, Iseya and Marui," he said. "For now it's hard to justify their price/earnings multiples."

Up until a few weeks ago, Hisamichi Sawa, director of research at Prudential-Bache in Tokyo, went along with the accepted market view on exports. Since then, however, he has developed a contrary view. With high-technology exporters so out of favor, Mr. Sawa reasons that "the best time to accumulate these shares is when they're unpopular."

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strategist at Shearson Lehman Brothers. The Federal Reserve Board "will be meeting every two months and do what they have to," said Mr. Sherman, who foresees a possibility of a series of discount-rate reductions if the economy does not respond to one or two cuts.

Consequently, analysts do not foresee any major shift in equity strategy in the next half. Most portfolio managers are still leaning toward consumer-oriented sectors and interest-sensitive stocks, such as utilities and banks. However, many of these stocks are no longer as cheap as they were last January.

Still, with prospects for continued economic growth, Robert J. Salomon, head of equity research at Salomon Brothers, says New York offers the best bargains on the basis of price/earnings multiples. "We're the cheapest major market in the world," said Mr. Salomon, who sees average market P/E's rising to 11 to 12 by the end of the year, compared with the current range of 9.5 to 10.

Unlike others, Mr. Salomon sees the current climate of high interest rates and a strong dollar as a constructive transition period that is forcing companies to cut costs, trim debt and improve competitiveness in the face of imports. "Just look at the last six months," he said. "Profits have been disappointing, but the market has gone up—a clear indication that the market is being revalued."

When it comes to picking stocks for the next few months, Mr. Salomon prefers sectors that lie outside "the eye of the storm," those that can show pricing flexibility. This strategy rules out basic industries, which are struggling to compete with foreign manufacturers. He also dislikes the oil and mining areas.

Instead, Mr. Salomon focuses his attention on purely domestic areas, such as media and property casualty insurance stocks. In the media sector, Mr. Salomon likes Time-Life Inc., Capital Cities Communications, Knight-Ridder, The Washington Post and The New York Times. General Reinsurance, Aetna Life & Casualty, American Express and Marsh & McLennan are among his picks in the insurance sector.

In line with his broad view of the market, Mr. Salomon also likes looking for companies undergoing or likely to undergo restructuring. Among his current picks are ITT, Rexnord and Revlon. However, he acknowledges that there is a high risk in such a strategy that the restructuring will go awry. "To some extent you have to be as early as possible, but you can be wrong," he said.

In view of the market's gains so far this year, some commentators have begun to wonder whether the best performers have much more upside potential. "It won't be anything as near as exciting as it was at the beginning of the year," said Fred Frankel, director of equity research at Prudential-Bache.

He still considers the consumer and service sectors to offer the best potential. He likes such utilities as Florida Progress and Public Service Electric & Gas and regional telephone companies such as NYNEX and Southwestern Bell. USAir and AMR are on his buy list for airlines.

This midyear review of major stock markets is based on reporting by Colin Campbell in London, David Tinnin in Zurich, Terry Trucco in Tokyo and John Meehan in New York.

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year. "The liquidity buildup is amazing," said George Noble, manager of Fidelity's international fund in Boston. Montedison and IFI head Mr. Noble's buy list.

Aside from mutual-fund buying, Richard Overton, director of Aetna Montague Asset Management in London, which has \$4 billion (about \$5 billion) under management, said he also likes Italy's recent political stability and points to improvements in economic conditions. Indeed, Italian inflation is heading lower and Consob, the regulatory agency for the securities industry, appears to be taking steps to strengthen financial reporting requirements. Mr. Overton's picks in Italy include Fiat, Mediobanca and Olivetti.

The new fascination with Italian stocks does not mean the experts have forsaken the bigger markets. Most generally remain optimistic about further gains in equity markets in West Germany, Switzerland and France.

The confidence tone can be traced to a generally upbeat view of the economic recovery in Europe, although some analysts are concerned that a significant slowdown in the United States will harm Europe's export-led growth. Also contributing to the buoyant outlook for European markets is chronic concern about the dollar. A number of global money managers have placed limits on their dollar exposure, sometimes shifting assets to

the continent where the Deutsche mark and Swiss franc are seen as likely beneficiaries of a drop in the dollar.

The strategy in Frankfurt and Zurich is to identify the sleepers, those stocks that might have been overlooked in the first-half rally and that still offer attractive price/earnings multiples.

The chemical sector is one area of search in West Germany. Analysts like BASF, Hoechst and Bayer whose P/E's range from 7.5 to 9. Still, no one is giving up on the big names. Mr. Overton likes Volkswagen, Daimler-Benz and Hypo Bank. The big three banks, Deutsche Bank, Commerzbank and Dresdner, also remain in favor.

In Switzerland, Hans Conrad Kessler, director of investments and portfolio management at Swiss Bank Corp., says the emphasis should remain on the export and financial sectors, as well as capital goods and retail areas. He also likes the insurance sector, but warns that many insurance issues have already had a sharp run-up. The bank's buy list includes: Ciba-Geigy, Roche, Nestlé, Swiss Reinsurance and Société de Surveillance.

Despite the possibility of a summer pause, the Paris bourse is also expected to put in a solid performance in the second half. Mr. Overton points out that France is one of latest participants in the recovery. BSN and Moët Hennessy are high on his buy list.

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Metropolitan, the hotels group "with a superb management record," and Courtalds.

Michael Hughes, partner and chief economist at de Zoete & Bevan, also believes that the market's upside potential is limited. He contends that many British equities are "overvalued," although he agrees with other analysts and fund managers that some domestic stocks look promising. He likes insurance companies, such as Commercial Union and Sun Alliance and recommends Blue Circle and Redland, companies that specialize in building materials. Among electronic issues, he likes GEC.

Despite such defensive views, many analysts still believe there is much upside potential in London. "We see [the market] as still moving forward. There is very strong earnings and dividend growth," said Richard Williams, director of Hill Samuel Fund Management. He forecasts a dividend growth of about 10 percent next year, with yields of 5 percent to 6 percent.

With the economy in "quite good shape" and the pound gaining ground against the dollar, Mr. Williams also targets domestic-oriented stocks. Hill Samuel particularly favors the retail sector, with Burton and Tesco named as good buys. Banks are also seen as being quite inexpensive, with Barclays favored over the other major institutions.



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Bargain Hunting Among U.K. Investment Trusts

By Lynne Curry

DEVELOPMENTS on the British financial scene are making investment trusts, whose U.S. counterparts are known as closed-end funds, more attractive to investors as an alternative to unit trusts and mutual funds. "Investment trusts have never looked as promising as they do now," according to Ted Sellers, an analyst at Laing & Crutchfield, a London stock-brokerage.

Investment trusts share some positive points with their "open-ended" cousins, unit trusts and mutual funds. Investment trusts offer professional portfolio management and an opportunity to spread risks. In addition, the sales commissions on funds shares are lower than the brokerage commissions that would be charged to buy the underlying stock.

The crucial difference is that investment trusts maintain a fixed number of shares outstanding and are traded much as the stock of a conventional company. By contrast, unit trusts and mutual funds continually issue new shares as money flows in and redeem the shares of investors who want to cash in their holdings. These transactions are done at per-share net asset value, which is calculated by dividing a fund's net assets by the number of shares.

Because investment trusts hold their shares to a constant number, the fluctuation in the price of investment trust shares depends on the relative presence of buyers and sellers. Shares can trade either at a discount to net asset value when sellers outnumber buyers, or at a premium to net asset value when there are more buyers than sellers.

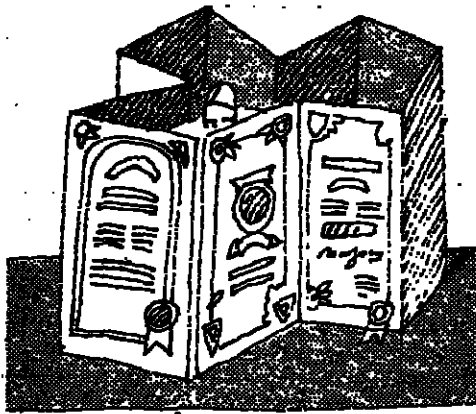
A main attraction of investment trusts rests in the opportunity to buy assets at a discount to their value.

"An investor is able to obtain income on a portfolio that's worth considerably more than he paid for it," said Thomas J. Herzfeld, president of a Miami, Florida, securities firm that specializes in U.S. closed-end funds.

For example, he said, if an investor buys \$100,000 worth of stock with a 6-percent yield, he will get \$6,000 worth of income annually. However, if the investor purchased \$100,000 worth of investment-trust shares that are selling at a 30-percent discount, he will actually be buying \$142,000 worth of assets. With the same 6-percent yield, he will be getting income on \$142,000, or about \$8,500 minus the management fee.

"That's a very compelling argument for investment trusts," Mr. Herzfeld said. "You get more bang for your buck."

As investors bid more aggressively for the shares of an investment trust, the discount can narrow as the share price is driven upward, closer to net asset value. Occasionally, big profits can be realized when investment trusts with large discounts are taken over and their holdings sold to yield their full asset value. Or the investment trust can be "unitized," meaning



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it is converted into a unit trust and the shares sold at net asset value.

The lure of deep discounts is one reason British investment trusts are getting more attention than their American counterparts. Discounts of U.S. closed-end funds have virtually disappeared, and a few are selling at a premium. In the past 5 to 10 years, discounts in the United States have narrowed from over 25 percent to below 5 percent, compared with an average discount of 23 percent for the British trusts. Some British investment trusts are even trading at discounts of 30 percent to 40 percent.

Because of the deeper discounts, Mr. Herzfeld, who had been an advocate of U.S. closed-end funds for years, recently shifted the majority of his firm's money invested in closed-end funds to British investment trusts. His strategy is simple: "The same

reasons that narrowed the discount in the U.S. have fallen into place in London."

In the United States, discounts narrowed on the strength of a bull market that created enthusiasm among buyers of closed-end funds. In a deregulated financial environment, investors then pushed to cash in on their holdings. In addition, the end of fixed commissions for stock trades in 1975 put pressure on investment trusts because transaction costs became less of a factor in the investment equation.

London is following a similar route. In the past two years, London's financial community has braced itself for the planned introduction of negotiated commissions. Meanwhile, as more companies build up powerful stakes in closed-end funds, they are increasingly attempting to force them to "unitize" or take steps to insure that their discounts narrow.

"Over the last two or three years, particularly, there has been growing pressure on investment trusts to do something or wind up," said Alan Rooke, a salesman at Phillips & Drew, a stockbrokerage. "Management has been put on its mettle."

Professionals warn that there is more to investment-trust strategy than just finding a fund with a deep discount. "If an investor mistakes his decision," cautions Hamish Buchan, a Wood, Mackenzie Co. analyst, the share price "could do even worse than the underlying asset."

Thus, investors should not just look for the possibility of narrowing discounts. Asset growth should also be considered. In some cases, the discount could remain the same or widen, but the share price could also rise as the fund's net asset value improves.

For example, the share price of Foreign and Colonial, a diversified trust with £550 million (about \$693 million) in assets, rose from 70 pence at the

end of 1982 to 109 pence in 1983 and 129 pence last year. At the same time, the fund's net asset value grew from 105.1 pence in 1982 to 176.3 pence in 1984, while the discount narrowed from 33.4 percent in 1982 to 23.1 percent in 1983 and widened slightly last year to 26.8 percent.

"The narrowing of discounts is a bonus," said Mr. Sellers of Laing & Crutchfield. "The key is in looking to buy a trust with an unduly wide discount, but that is on top of the rise in the asset value."

"There should be some firm reason why [the fund] is likely to outperform the market," he said. The range of choice in Britain remains wide. The industry today has 200 trusts with assets of about £16 billion, which as a sector constitutes 5.5 percent of the market value of British registered equities. This is a far cry from the 20 funds that existed when investment trusts first appeared here over a century ago. The American closed-end fund industry is much smaller, with assets totaling \$3 billion to \$3.25 billion.

With an array of trusts to choose from, investors can select either a specialist fund, say, in oil stocks, or one with a broader, more internationally based portfolio.

Two of the specialized funds that Mr. Herzfeld believes are potential winners are North Sea Assets and Viking Resources. Both are oil-related funds, currently out of market favor, which Mr. Herzfeld believes could benefit from a triple play: a narrowing of the discount, an increase in the net asset value, and a stronger pound. Some of his other favorites include 1928 Investment Trust, Brunner and Thurgomorton.

MR. BUCHAN singled out two other, more general industrial trusts that have performed well: American Trust, which has invested 80 percent in North America, and Continental and Industrial, which has an international spread of shares. Continental and Industrial has been the subject of speculation that Liberty Life, a South African insurance company, would mount a bid for it and convert it to a unit trust.

One selling point of investment trusts is their management fees, which are generally lower than those of unit trusts. Annual management fees typically run up to 1 percent of the value of the fund's assets. This fee comes out of the trust's income, meaning the dividends would be slightly higher if there were no fees.

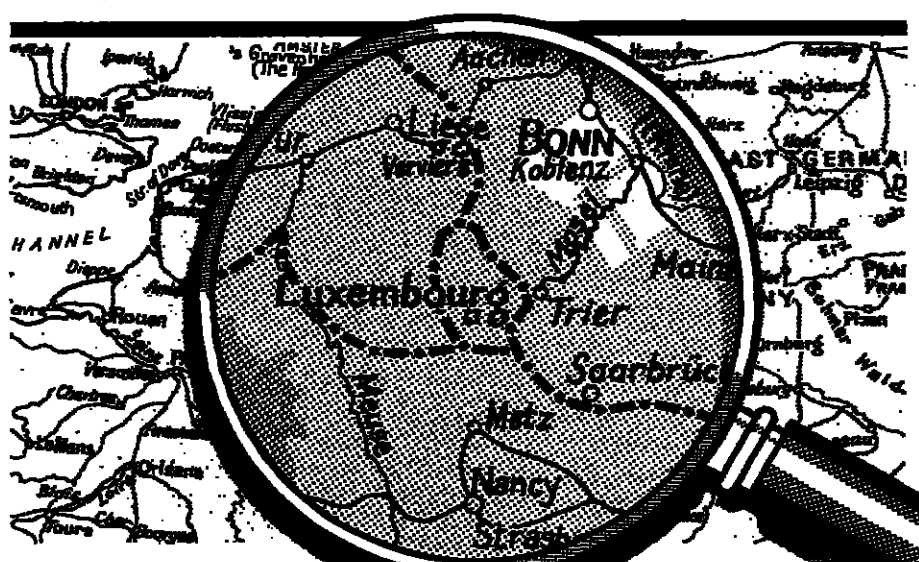
For tax reasons, investors should be aware of the differing treatment of capital gains and dividends by British investment trusts and American closed-end funds. In investment trusts, dividends are paid out twice a year or quarterly. By law, capital gains must be reinvested in the company. A shareholder benefits from the capital gains when the trust's net asset value rises and the share price is pushed up. In the United States, capital gains must be distributed within a fixed period of time to the shareholders and dividends are usually distributed annually. □

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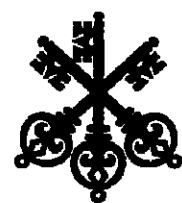
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PROFILE

Ernest Kiehne Buys Stocks That Stumbled

By John C. Boland

AMONG the old-school investors who shop for value among depressed stocks, the name Legg Mason Wood Walker Inc. has been gaining attention. The Baltimore firm's no-load mutual fund, since its inception in the spring of 1982, has turned in the best performance in the mutual-fund industry, according to Lipper Analytical Services. As of two weeks ago, the Legg Mason Value Trust was up more than 160 percent.

That return, about two-and-a-half times the Standard & Poor's 500 advance, has been earned without exceptional risk. Indeed, the current portfolio of more than 100 stocks sports many solid, well-known companies.

But most of them have one thing that attracts the fund's overseer, Ernest C. Kiehne: a blemish of some sort on the corporate record—such as a temporary decline in earnings—that has put the shares out of favor. As a result, Mr. Kiehne, who is Legg's director of investment policy, typically acquires the issues at less than their book value, at a lower price/earnings ratio than the market's average and at a fraction of the companies' revenue per share. He also prefers that the companies carry only moderate debt compared with net worth, show growth of 8 percent to 10 percent in revenue and generate surplus cash.

That basic, conservative approach has led the 67-year-old Mr. Kiehne and his colleague, William Miller, the firm's 35-year-old director of investment management, to more than their share of companies that subsequently have drawn takeover bids. The latest are Esco Corp. and Informatics General Corp.

In recent weeks, it has led also to greater enthusiasm for international oil companies, which Mr. Kiehne noted "we missed in 1984 and 1985." Because of strong cash flow, some of the oils are buying back their own stock faster than they are losing reserves, which means that reserves per share are rising. Among the oil stocks that Mr. Kiehne viewed as attractive at recent levels are British Petroleum, Royal Dutch Petroleum and Texaco. The Value Trust also holds a moderate position in Kerr-McGee.

Mr. Kiehne, who worked at American Telephone & Telegraph for 23 years in jobs unrelated to the stock market, is something of a Legg Mason find himself. He was a longtime private investor with a trading account at Legg Mason, which, in addition to managing money, is a retail brokerage. His market successes and research savvy were such that Legg Mason hired him in 1967 to be its director of research.

"It always seemed logical to me to buy stocks that were improvable, where profit margins were unsatisfactory and had reasonable prospects to become satisfactory in several years," he said.

NV Philips, the Dutch electronics company that trades over-the-counter in the United

States, is a case in point. Philips could ring up sales equivalent to \$80 a share this year (revenue grew 14 percent in the fourth quarter), and Mr. Kiehne expects that number to grow to \$100 within two years. At \$16, the stock trades at 20 percent of current sales per share. If profit margins reach 3 percent, earnings are likely to be about \$2.30 a share this year, \$2.80 next year and \$3 in 1987, he reckons. That is the kind of progress that he hopes might double the stock price. Philips' book value is about \$25, and research and development outlays, plus cash flow, are about \$17 a share.

Mr. Kiehne also looks favorably on American Carrier Inc., a thinly traded over-the-counter issue that he bought aggressively in the March quarter. The Middle West-based trucking company is trading around \$12.50, with revenue that he expects to reach \$100 a share next year. Noting that the industry averages 4 percent for after-tax profit margins, Mr. Kiehne said: "If you could earn 2½ percent on revenue, that would be \$2.50 a share." American Carriers cleared \$1.35 a share in 1984, and Mr. Kiehne looks for

'It always seemed logical to me to buy stocks that were improvable.'

about \$1.60 this year, and a possible doubling of the stock price.

It was similar analysis that brought Mr. Kiehne to SCM Corp., a diversified chemical, office-equipment and paper company that ranks as Value Trust's largest holding. The stock is trading around \$48, versus the fund's average stock cost of \$38.63. Revenue exceeds \$200 for each of SCM's roughly 10 million shares. "If it earned 4 percent, SCM could clear \$9 a share," Mr. Kiehne said, assuming some revenue growth. That appears within reach in a couple of years, he said.

Among the large-capitalization companies, Mr. Kiehne likes Allied Corp., which he bought as a chemical company but is happy to stay with now that the acquisitions of Bendix Corp. and Signal Cos. add a high-technology angle. With the stock down to \$40 from a \$46 peak, Mr. Kiehne argued that earnings of \$5.50 a share and a market-average price-earnings ratio could lift the shares to \$60 in two years.

Mr. Kiehne was a buyer in the March quarter of regional bank stocks, which already had performed well for the fund. Most



Ernest C. Kiehne

of them, he noted, are selling around seven-and-a-half times Legg Mason's estimates of 1986 earnings. Most of the banks in the portfolio are earning less on their book value than the average for regional banks. Virtually all, he suggests, are potential targets for buyouts (the fund has had several earlier bank holdings taken over). During the quarter, Mr. Kiehne more than doubled his stake in Mercantile Bancorporation Inc. of St. Louis.

At the moment, Mr. Kiehne's only real problem is an embarrassment of riches. The Value Trust has been attracting about \$1 million in new money each day, which has raised the total under management to well over \$200 million. Largely because of that influx, the fund's cash reserves have climbed to 14 percent. Given current stock prices, Mr. Kiehne said he didn't feel "too bad" about having that much cash.

Legg Mason is attracting so much new money that it hopes to start a second fund in about 90 days. That new offering will be a growth and income fund that might invest in bonds as well as stocks.

Mr. Kiehne is optimistic on the long-term prospects for the economy and the stock market, all the more so as it appears that the federal deficit might be trimmed. A lower deficit, a lower dollar, a smaller trade gap, perhaps a slower economy. Those might be the ingredients of an extended business upswing in 1986, he said.

One way to play Value Trust's success is by buying the stock of the brokerage firm's parent, Legg Mason Inc. The holding company's shares, which trade on the New York Stock Exchange, are about \$15.75, compared with a 52-week low of \$9. In its fiscal year ending March, Legg Mason earned 70 cents a share. With cash pouring in, Legg's management and distribution fees from the Value Trust (and from the forthcoming growth and income fund) stand to rise sharply, and its earnings this year could double.

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CHART TALK

The Fed's Gift to Wall Street

THE Federal Reserve Board stole center stage from the takeover talk that had been circulating through U.S. equity markets in May by reducing the discount rate to its lowest level since August 1978.

The reduction of half a percentage point in the rate to 7½ percent, effective May 30, infused life into a generally listless market, boosting major indexes to record highs. The Dow Jones Industrial index crossed the 1,300 mark on the first trading day after the announcement and closed out the month at 1315.41, up 57.35 points over April's finish. Standard and Poor's Composite index rose 8.2 points to end the month at 189.55.

"I think you'd have to say that it was pretty exciting," said Hugh Johnson, a vice president and head of investment strategy at First Albany Corp. "There were many people who foresaw a decline in interest rates but none of the fireworks."

Issues that benefited most from the Fed's discount-rate cut were the interest-sensitive stocks—utilities, insurance companies and banks. The Dow Jones Utility index, which market watchers say anticipates broad market trends, gained almost 10 points over the month to finish at 163.32.

But, according to Mr. Johnson, even the Fed's move was not enough to chase away all investor doubts.

"There is a lot of nervousness about the economy," he said, pointing to "continuing signs of the fragility of the banking system," notably the brief closings of savings and loan associations in Maryland, and a 0.2-percent decline in the latest leading economic indicators.

"We are at that point in the business cycle where you have to be on your toes," he added.

With caution still in the air, takeovers accounted for the most dramatic gains on the New York Stock Exchange. Houston Natural Gas, which agreed to be acquired by InterNorth pipeline, saw its stock rise on a \$70-a-share tender offer. Katy Industries, which sold its Missouri-Kansas-Texas railroad to Union Pacific for \$98 million, was May's big loser. Some investors had hoped for the sale to bring almost five times that amount.

London too felt the continued attraction of takeover targets, according to Dennis Elliott, a director at Phillips & Drew. Mr. Elliott said that that British investors had ignored the conventional wisdom

Market Scoreboard

The stocks on the New York, London and Tokyo exchanges that showed the largest percentage gains and losses in May.

GAINERS

	Percent Gain	May 31 Price
New York Stock Exchange:		
Compiled by Media General Financial Services. Prices in dollars		
Houston Natural Gas	46	68.50
CNA Financial	40	54.00
Nabisco Brands	39	53.63
UAL Inc.	33	10.25
Continental Info.	30	28.00
Heilig-Myers	29	16.88
United Brands	28	21.50
Called Inc.	28	107.25
Unijohn Co.	28	13.88
Erbamont	28	13.88

American Stock Exchange:

Forest Laboratories	52	27.25
Greenman Brothers	45	34.00
American Biltrite	43	11.25
Moore Medical	42	17.50
Lake Shore Mines	41	54.00

Over the Counter:

Tofu Time	82	25.25
Waxman Industries	58	16.38
Clothesline	55	20.50
Communications Ind.	39	28.63
Newport Pharm.	38	10.50

London Stock Exchange:

Compiled by Capital International. Prices in pence

Debenhams	39	388
United Scientific	32	225
Burmah Oil	26	286
Fisons	20	361
Bank of Ireland	19	295
Lucas Industries	17	248
W.H. Smith & Son	15	309
BOC Group	15	227
Whitbread	15	227
Guinness (Arthur)	15	277

Tokyo Stock Exchange:

Compiled by Capital International. Prices in yen

Nagoya Railroad	41	305
Mitsubishi Petrochem.	41	429
Mitsui Real Estate	29	337
Chubu Electric	27	1,630
Mitsubishi Estate	26	779
Asahi Chemical	26	1,100
Kinki Nippon Railway	26	336
Kansai Electric	26	1,770
All Nippon Airways	23	550
Fuji Electric	23	400

LOSERS

	Percent Loss	May 31 Price
New York Stock Exchange:		
Compiled by Media General Financial Services. Prices in dollars		
Katy Industries	33	13.38
Pioneer Electronic	31	13.75
Unocal	28	11.50
GCA Corp.	23	10.25
Transohio	18	29.13
McIntyre Mines	18	14.38
Mesa Petroleum	17	36.75
TDK Corp.	16	31.75
H.H. Robertson	16	18.25
Allied Products	16	18.25

American Stock Exchange:

Gross Telecasting	42	17.33
Ruddick Corp.	16	24.25
PEG Israel	15	10.00
Metrocare	14	19.00
Tech-Sym	13	16.38

Continuum Co.	32	20.50
Micom Systems	28	16.25
Sym-Tek	25	12.50
Kulicke & Soffa	23	17.75
Entre Computer	23	11.75

London Stock Exchange:

BSR International	25	88
Plessey	25	142
Standard Telephone	18	170
Ferranti	11	130
Inchcape (U.K.)	8	390
Royal Bank Scotland	8	262
Electrocomponents	7	263
British Com. Shipping	7	580
Rio Tinto Zinc	7	80
Barratt Developments	7	80

Pioneer Electronic	32	1,690
Tokyo Electron	24	3,350
Makino Milling	18	1,020
Nippon Gakki	18	1,460
Ono Pharmaceutical	16	5,240
Mori Seiki	16	2,060
Kyocera	16	4,530
Alps Electric	15	1,570
Amada	15	932
Sanko Steamship	15	100

"to sell in May and go away." The Financial Times industrial index rose 31.1 points to finish the month at 1002.5.

Leading the British issues was Debenhams. The retailer has been the object of a hostile takeover bid by Burton. United Scientific, Burmah Oil, and W.H. Smith also

benefited from takeover rumors. Mr. Elliott said. BSR and Plessey, members of the beleaguered electronics group that have struggled with earnings reductions abroad, topped the loser's list.

After April's sharp setback, the Tokyo Stock Exchange regained some ground. The Nikkei-Dow

Jones index climb 332.17 points to 12,758.46. Analysts noted that domestic issues that were insulated from currency exchange fluctuations and international trade conflicts were most attractive to investors. Investors also sought out undervalued issues with hidden assets.

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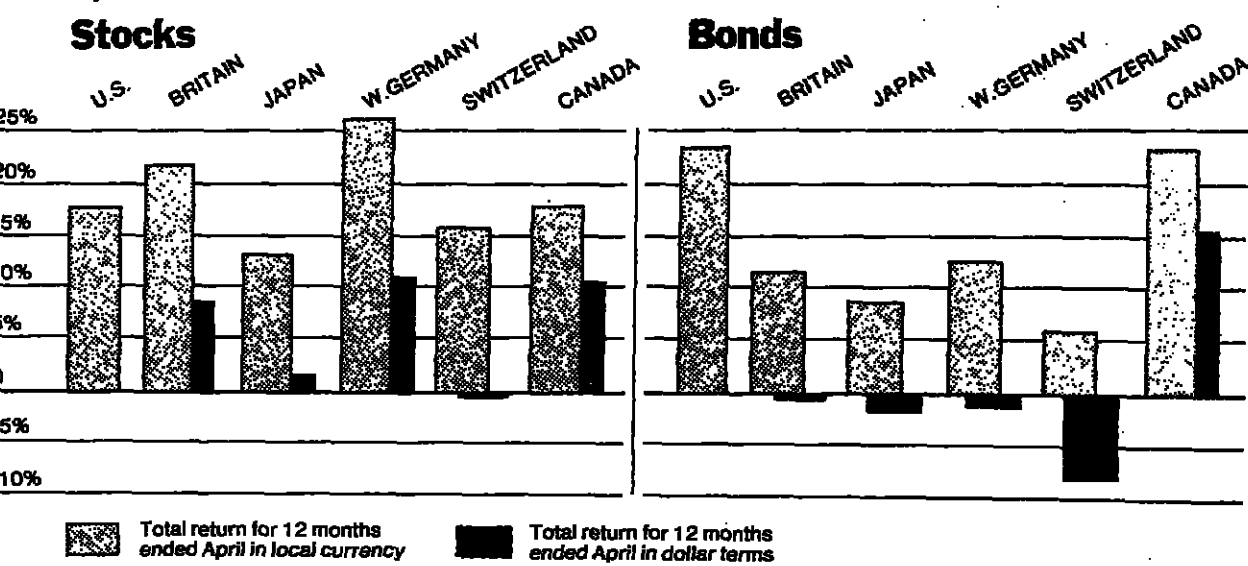
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Total Return for 12 Months

Total return measures both the changes in the prices of securities and the income they provide, either in dividends or interest. Gains and losses were measured by comparing market indexes with their levels a year earlier. The chart does not take into account taxes or inflation.



Source: InterSec Research Corp., Stamford, Connecticut. Bond indexes are proprietary. Equity indexes are from Capital International.

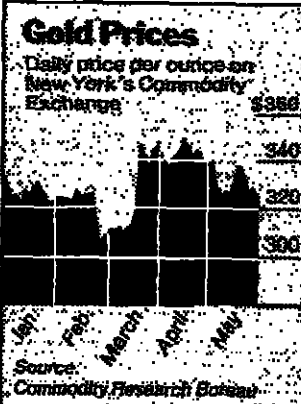
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Goldbugs Talk of Ranges, Not Rallies

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to jump and say, "Well, that looks pretty exciting."

James Kneafsey is more conservative. As the president of Cambridge Commodities Corp., a Cambridge, Massachusetts, research and advisory firm, Mr. Kneafsey recommends minimal purchases in the \$300-\$340 range because he does not see any sustained rally that would boost prices toward gold's historic 1980 high of \$875 until there is firmer evidence on the direction of the U.S. economy. "We don't see a major run-up to \$700 unless there is a major global crisis," he said.

By then it might be too late, because the major wild card besides interest rates and economic health is the old doomsday scenario. Gold prices are certain to jump if the Soviet Union invades Iran or the rest of the Middle East countries go to war over Beirut. But analysts discourage investors from reacting too quickly to crises as potential gold booms.



"There's a danger for the man in the street to be too late for these kinds of things," says David Linnehan, senior metals analyst with Merrill Lynch Futures Inc. in New York. "By the time it hits the papers, the factors have already been included in the price."

To show how quickly and erratically gold can react to news, Mr. Linnehan cites the example of the Federal Reserve's recent decision to cut the discount rate to 7½ percent. That was Friday, May 17, when gold closed at \$324 an ounce. On the following Monday morning, gold was up \$3 before, as Mr. Linnehan said, it "promptly fell out of bed" to \$312, while silver tumbled 52 cents to \$6.08. The example shows how silver usually follows gold's lead, but

there are some exceptions. Since silver is an industrial commodity used in the making of film, it reacts well to an uptick in economic health. But recent evidence of weakness in the U.S. economy has found silver struggling around \$6 an ounce, far removed from its historic 1980 high of \$50.35, which could be a veiled blessing for investors.

"I like silver at \$6," says Bernard Savaiko, senior precious metals analyst with Paine Webber Inc. in New York, who sees signs that prices have bottomed out. "The scraps supplies should dry up at current prices, and I don't see a dramatic increase in supplies until '77."

Other analysts, reflecting a market consensus, are conservative in their six-month estimates. Mr. Linnehan believes silver prices have been sluggish despite the past strength of the U.S. economy because of conservation efforts that film and other industrial manufacturers began exercising in the early 1980s. "They're trying to get by with less silver products and more of other products," he explained.

With silver weak and gold hesitant, the best play appears to be platinum. The metal has come a long way off its 1980 high of \$1,189.50 an ounce. At \$265, it offers a wide discount compared with gold, and its use in catalytic converters could spell a boom if Europeans go through with plans for stricter emissions controls.

"That was behind platinum's surge in 1980," Mr. Kneafsey said. "All things considered, platinum is a good buy. If you like gold at \$315, you'll love platinum at \$265."

For the immediate term, however, most analysts recommend restraint for those investors intent on padding their portfolios with precious metals. Even Charles Stahl, who believes gold is a good buy at \$305 to \$315 an ounce, says investors should reserve only 8 percent of their portfolios for the metal. And many analysts contend that because of the strong U.S. political climate and continued low inflation, there is more money to be made in guaranteed securities such as Treasury bills and bonds.

"It boils down to whether clients have confidence in paper money," says Mr. Savaiko at Paine Webber. "In the '70s, they didn't. But compound interest is one of the precious metals' biggest competitors."

Correction

Two sets of total return figures in the May 13 Personal Investing chart were in error. Total return on Japanese stocks in the months to the end of March was 15.97 percent in local terms and 3.27 percent in dollar terms. For West German stocks, it was 22.25 percent in local terms and 2.43 percent in dollar terms.

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BONDS

Ginnie Mae and the LYON: Variations on the Fixed-Income Theme

Mortgage-backed Ginnie Maes offer attractive yields

By James Sterngold

SINCE the postwar housing boom began in the United States, the mortgage market has expanded to a staggering \$2 trillion as Americans pursue their dreams of homeownership. Given this mammoth market, it is little wonder that today's aggressive financial institutions have found ways to bundle, repackage and reshape mortgages into new kinds of securities.

Advertisements in U.S. financial publications extol the high yield and, usually, great safety of mortgage-backed securities. What the ads often do not make clear, however, is that mortgage-backed securities are complex instruments. While appropriate for some investment situations, they can be damaging to investors who do not understand them.

"From the start, there were all kinds of problems with these securities, and some terrible abuses," said Robert Dull, an adviser to Morgan Stanley & Co. who has been involved with the latest generation of mortgage-backed securities since their inception 15 years ago.

"I don't think the problems were the result of misrepresentation, but of lack of knowledge," he said. "These securities aren't mysterious. They do require some thinking, though, and time to understand."

George Hester, a vice president of Paine Webber and a booster of mortgage-backed securities, said he sometimes cringes when he hears the advertising.

"Some of these brokers just tell you that you get these great yields of 12 percent or so," he said. "But they don't really tell you that there is more to know about them. You have to exercise care and read that fine print."

The federal government took the lead in creating investment securities from mortgages. The idea was for the government to buy mortgages from financial institutions that had actually made the loans, and then place similar mortgages in pools totaling millions of dollars.

Securities backed by these mortgages are then sold, with a return that reflects the interest rates that individual homeowners are paying. These "pass-through" securities have the full backing of the federal government.

The Government National Mortgage Association, known as Ginnie Mae, is by far the leading issuer of such securities, with \$227 billion worth outstanding.

Two other government agencies, the Federal National Mortgage Association, known as Fannie Mae, and the Federal Home Loan Mortgage Association, or Freddie Mac, also issue mortgage-backed or mortgage-related securities. These securities, however, are tailored principally for the institutional investor.

Another difference is that Ginnie Mae purchases only government-insured mort-

gages, which adds another layer of protection for those who invest in Ginnie Mae securities. The two other agencies buy conventional mortgages, which do not carry such insurance.

The Ginnie Mae certificate has thus become the most popular form of mortgage-backed security. Its chief advantage is that it offers the highest interest rate of any government security. An investor receives as safe an investment as a Treasury bond, but with a better return. Ginnie Maes usually offer a yield of one-half percentage point to one percentage point higher than a comparable Treasury bond.

In many ways, Ginnie Maes are like a conventional fixed-income security. They are generally sold in maturities of 30 years and in minimum denominations of \$25,000. Like bonds, the value of their principal rises and falls inversely to the prevailing level of interest rates.

But there are significant and potentially confusing differences.

Unlike most government securities, which pay interest semiannually, Ginnie Maes make payments monthly, of both interest and part of the principal. Interest payments fall throughout the life of the investment, as the amount of principal shrinks. It is thus known as a "wasting asset."

"We have to train our brokers carefully, and constantly, to get this across to the investor," said Stephen D. Leightman, first vice president and national sales manager of Prudential-Bache Securities.

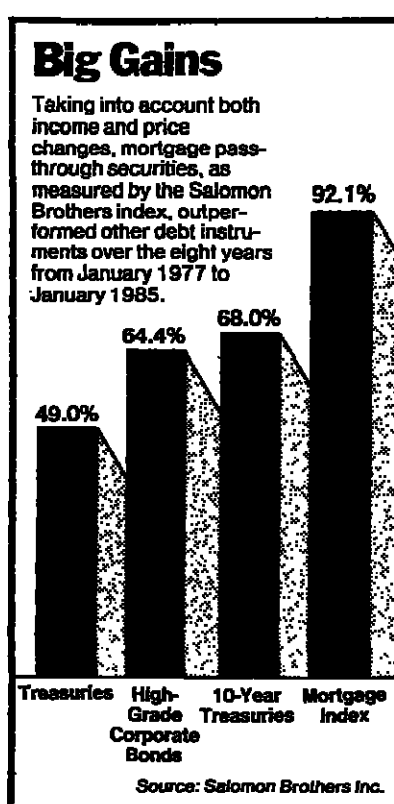
This payback of principal derives from the fact that some holders of the underlying mortgages repay them before maturity. And the rate of the payback on the Ginnie Mae is unpredictable, although there is a tendency to repay faster as the interest rates fall; homeowners prefer to refinance at lower rates.

This payback situation has potential drawbacks. If investors do not understand that part of the monthly check is principal, they could be spending what they believe to be income, only to find later that their principal has diminished. Even those who do understand must decide what to do with that returned principal every month.

BROKERAGES have introduced variations on the Ginnie Mae to overcome some of these problems. Since many investors did not have the \$25,000 minimum for a Ginnie Mae, the first efforts were directed at reducing the size of the minimum investment. This resulted in the unit investment trust. The trust consists of a pool of Ginnie Maes in which shares, or units, are sold. One can invest as little as \$1,000, with \$100 increments above that.

Next on the scene, and currently one of the hottest mortgage-backed products, is the mutual fund. The Ginnie Mae mutual fund is also a pool of securities in which the investor can, in effect, buy a share. But the advantage with mutual funds is that the principal paid back to the investor by the Ginnie Mae, and even the monthly income, can be reinvested automatically. And the funds are actively managed by the mutual fund company through the use of various hedging strategies. This can produce additional income for the investor.

There is, however, a cost for this management expertise. The mutual funds' interest rate is usually about one-quarter to one-half percentage point below that of a unit trust or



actual Ginnie Mae certificate. The value of the units in a unit trust or a mutual fund rises or falls with fluctuations in interest rates. Mr. Hester said that his brokers are now selling a combination of these products.

Some income-oriented investors like to purchase Ginnie Mae certificates, and an adjoining Ginnie Mae mutual fund. That way they get the high yield and monthly payments of the certificate but they can automatically reinvest the returned principal in the mutual fund. When the amount invested in the mutual fund rises to \$25,000, another certificate can be bought.

The Ginnie Mae mutual fund pays an interest rate of about two to three percentage points higher than a typical money market fund, Mr. Hester said.

Other mortgage-backed investment products are also available from brokers. There is growing popularity, Mr. Leightman says, of collateralized mortgage obligations, known as CMOs. These are bonds, issued by corporate borrowers, that have as collateral Ginnie Maes or some other mortgage-backed instrument. The mortgages provide strong backing to the bonds. The bonds provide certain and regular income. In many cases this does not.

Such backing means that corporate borrowers pay less than they would otherwise. But the investor still receives a better return, at higher risk, than the straight Ginnie Mae. Mr. Leightman said that corporate CMOs pay from a quarter-point to a half-point higher rates, but cautioned that the market is not as liquid as that for Ginnie Maes.

"What has made these accessible to the consumer now is that we've got them down to denominations of \$1,000 minimum," he said. "And you don't have the problem of principal payback."

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Merrill's LYON links zero coupon with a stock play

By Edith Cohen

IN THE scratching and clawing for investment dollars in the past few years, Wall Street has unleashed a menagerie of instruments with a distinctly feline flair. Since 1982, when Merrill Lynch brought out a zero-coupon instrument dubbed TIGRS, for Treasury Income Growth Receipts, which was followed by Salomon Brothers' CATS, or Certificates of Accrual on Treasury Securities, the market for such investments has grown to \$100 billion to \$125 billion.

Now, Merrill Lynch has unleashed its LYON, or Liquid Yield Option Note, a complicated, hybrid security. The LYON combines the popular zero-coupon debt security with features of convertible bonds. Lee Cole, vice president of institutional sales, says the LYON was designed "for risk-averse investors" who want to be able to participate in a rise in the issuing company's stock but also have some downside protection.

The concept behind zero-coupon bonds is now well-known by most investors. These deep-discount bonds pay no interest until they are redeemed or reach maturity. The difference between the selling price and the value at maturity of a zero-coupon instrument represents the accrued interest.

The LYONs underwritten by Merrill Lynch in April are corporate zero-coupon securities issued by Waste Management Inc., a waste-disposal company in Oak Brook, Illinois, and Staley Continental, which controls A.E. Staley Manufacturing Co., a food processor in Decatur, Illinois. The securities pay a compounded annual rate of 9 percent.

The issues have two new twists. The investor has the right to convert the zero-coupon corporate security into the common stock of the issuing company. In addition, the investor has the right after three years to "put," or sell back, the security to the company for the accrued value. In the first three years redemption is permitted but for lower yields.

The byproduct guarantee safeguards against a sharp decline in value if interest rates climb. This is important, because prices of zero-coupon-debt instruments are more much volatile than those of conventional bonds.

Both the Waste Management and Staley issues were priced at \$250, and they will pay \$1,000 at maturity in 2001. Over the 16-year life of the securities, the investor has the option of converting the note into stock at a 10-percent premium to the market price on the date the issue's terms were set.

For Waste Management, which was trading at \$52.125 on April 12, the LYON was convertible at a rate of \$57.34 a share. This established a conversion rate for the life of the bond of about 4.36 shares of common for each note, calculated by dividing the \$250 sale price by the price of a single share.

At any point in the life of the security, the investor simply divides the accrued value of the note by 4.36 shares to determine the per-

share cost of converting it into Waste Management common stock. For Staley, which was trading at \$18.95, the LYON was convertible on the first day of the issue at \$20.625, or about 12.1 shares.

Like other convertible securities, the LYON is, in effect, a way to hedge market movements. The investor accepts a rate of interest somewhat below that of securities of comparable risk and maturity for the right to participate in any surge in the price of the stock of the issuing company. But should the stock fail to perform, the investor is guaranteed a fixed return, whether the security is held to maturity or resold to the company. The LYON confers an added hedge by putting a floor under the value of the security should interest rates surge.

The crucial question for the investor is whether the terms of the trade-off are attractive. A key issue is whether the outlook for the company's stock is sufficiently bright to justify the sacrifice of a few percentage points of yield. A look at the chart below gives an idea of how far and fast Waste Management's shares would have to rise for the convertible option to remain attractive.

Under the LYON formula, the effective conversion price rises with the accrued cash value of the instrument. Thus, on June 30, 1988, when the accrued cash value will be \$301.87, the LYON could be converted into the common stock of Waste Management at \$69.23 a share, or about 18 percent above its current market price.

For W. Theodore Kuck, vice president and portfolio manager of Equitable Investment Management Co., the Waste Management LYON seemed a reasonable play on the stock. "The most important decision for any convertible issue is whether you'd be a buyer of that stock. We believe Waste Management is an attractive stock," he said, and the LYON is "an attractive way to hold it."

"The downside protection was recognized at the offering by everyone," he said. "What they disagreed on was the upside performance potential of the convertible versus the upside performance of the common stock."

He notes that Waste Management zeros have outperformed the market to date.

But Mr. Kuck is far from being swept away by the LYON phenomenon. Sticking by his own rule of carefully evaluating the underlying stock in a convertible offering, he says, his firm did not participate in the Staley issue. "We didn't like the fundamentals."

Overall, however, the market responded well to both the Waste Management and Staley offerings. It snapped up \$187.5 million of the Waste Management issue, valued at \$750 million at maturity, and \$87.5 million of the Staley, valued at \$350 million at maturity, according to Mr. Cole of Merrill Lynch. He estimates that half was bought by institutions and half went to the retail market.

BUT critics note a few aspects that may make a LYON less than the ideal household pet. For one thing, Mr. Kuck notes, the company has the right to call the bonds for cash beginning in mid-1987. Such call features typically make a debt instrument less attractive to investors who buy bonds in the first place to lock in an interest rate for a fixed period. For the first two years, the stock must exceed \$86 a share in Waste Management's case for the company to call it. And the holder of the LYON has 15 days in which to decide whether to convert it to stock.

However, Mr. Kuck says Waste Management has little incentive to call the issue. Companies that issue zero-coupon debt are allowed a tax deduction on the implied interest as if it were a bond that paid semiannual interest. In other words, the company receives a break on its current taxes even though the interest on zero-coupon debt is not paid until maturity.

The tax story can be different for the investor. In some jurisdictions, the imputed interest on zero-coupon bonds is taxed yearly as if the interest were being paid regularly rather than as a lump sum at maturity. Because of this, LYONs, like other zero-coupon instruments, are best suited for tax-deferred holdings, such as offshore accounts or tax-exempt retirement accounts.

Tracking a LYON

The first three columns show the accrued cash value each year on June 30 of the Waste Management LYON issue if it were sold back to the company. The fourth column indicates the effective stock price if the instrument is converted into common shares.

Date	Accrued Cash Value	Effective Yield	Stock Price Equivalent If Converted
1985	\$250.00	9%	\$69.23
1986	\$265.50	9%	76.48
1987	\$281.00	9%	86.14
1988	\$296.50	9%	96.87
1989	\$312.00	9%	107.57
1990	\$327.50	9%	117.90
1991	\$343.00	9%	128.78
1992	\$358.50	9%	140.80
1993	\$374.00	9%	153.54
1994	\$389.50	9%	167.57
1995	\$405.00	9%	183.11
1996	\$420.50	9%	199.95
1997	\$436.00	9%	218.36
1998	\$451.50	9%	
1999	\$467.00	9%	

SOMETHING DIFFERENT

The Rug Trade Is Seeing a Steady Climb in Prices

By Barbara Rosen

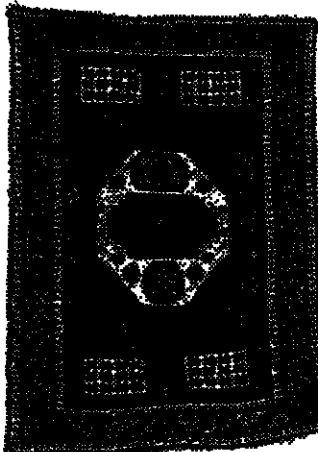
TWENTY years ago, recalled Peter Auckland, oriental rug shops in London routinely offered a free "Beluche" rug with every purchase. Dealers, he said, thought that giving away the small, hand-woven carpets from central Asia was a relatively inexpensive way to bring in customers.

Nowadays, such bonuses are unheard of. The prices of oriental rugs have risen dramatically in the past decade. Beluche rugs with geometric patterns and somber blues and reds are no exception. Mr. Auckland, a rug specialist at the Vigo Carpet Gallery, has several in his shop that range in price from £240 to £1,800 (about \$300 to \$2,250).

Mr. Auckland attributes the rapid appreciation to "rug scholarship." The general public, he says, has woken up to the detail and craftsmanship of oriental rugs. Prices have risen accordingly.

Although the term is sometimes carelessly applied to a wide variety of carpets, oriental rugs are unique. They are hand-woven, usually of wool or silk, and originate from scattered provinces in the Far East, Middle East or the Balkans. Craftsman in each area or town usually have their own style and design, and the rugs are identified by region. Today, Iran, China, Turkey, India, Afghanistan, Romania, Albania, Pakistan and Egypt are considered to be the major oriental rug-making centers.

Rug dealers generally advise customers against buying relatively new carpets. Most only sell rugs that are at least 30 years old and especially prize any that date back from the 19th century. The reason



Kazakh Karachop rug recently sold for £15,400.

is that antique rugs in good condition offer the best bet for appreciation. In fact, Mr. Auckland cannot remember an example of an antique rug in good condition dropping in price in recent years. "If you buy at the top of the market, with some circumspection, you're always safer and stand a good chance of getting a good return," he said.

In shopping for a rug, David Franes of S. Franes, a rug and

tapestry dealer, suggests that individuals select the type of rug they want "and then follow that rug" until they find a dealer offering a competitive price. "Never buy from the first shop," he said.

Given their popularity, it is not surprising that the definition of a quality oriental rug has expanded. For many years, Vigo's Mr. Auckland says, only the finest Persian rugs were in demand. These were usually made in cities by weavers working under relatively good conditions. In many cases this meant a roof over their heads.

But as the supply has dwindled in the past 20 years, the public has also been drawn to the look of other, sometimes coarser, rugs, he says. Many were made in villages. The coarseness or fineness of a rug is measured by the number of knots it contains. A fine silk rug from the Iranian city of Qum can contain 300 knots per square inch. These days, tribal rugs woven by nomads are beginning to move up the price scale. Even the fashion for the light-colored Persian Heriz rugs is coming to an end, according to Mr. Auckland. "Now it's being recognized that you can find attractive pieces from almost any origin," he said.

Condition and design are very important in determining the price of a rug. When examining any

antique oriental rug, Mr. Franes says, look first at the weaver's style. "An elegant weaver would work out a design for himself," he said. The rug must also be made of good quality wool, with a well-cut pile. An antique rug, of course, can show some wear.

The quality of the dye is also important. Chemical dyes used since World War I, particularly chrome-based ones, are considered precise and fast, but many dealers say the mellowing of dyes made from saffron, indigo or murex adds something immeasurable to a fine rug's beauty. By contrast, dealers warn that early aniline chemical dyes should be avoided since they fade into unattractive shades.

The drop in supply that fol-

lowed the Iranian revolution has been offset by increased output from other areas, especially China. Among the more recently produced oriental rugs, some "are absolutely superb," Mr. Auckland said, but others are only decorative and offer little investment value.

Indeed, Jerry Habbou, director of A. Oundjian Ltd., a rug wholesaler, says he orders many rugs from Pakistan and China to certain specifications of color and design to meet the tastes of his European clients.

The long-term prospects of other recent rugs also do not appear good, experts say. New Persian rugs from Iran are said to be overpriced and of poor quality.



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Issuer	Amount (millions)	Mat.	Cou.	Price	Price and week	Terms
FLOATING RATE NOTES						
Barclays Bank	\$400	perpet	1/4	100	99.26	Over 6-month Libor. Callable at par in 1990. Fees 0.675%.
Banque Int'l Pour l'Afrique Occidentale	\$50	1995	1/4	100	—	Over 6-month Libor. Redeemable at par in 1992. Callable at par in 1990. Fees 0.80%.
Christiana Bank Kreditkasse	\$75	1995	1/4	100	99.97	Over 6-month Libor. Callable at par on any interest payment date after 1986. Fees 15%. Denominations \$10,000. \$56 million issued now and \$19 million reserved for tap.
Comerica	\$75	1997	1/4	100	99.80	Over 3-month Libor. Callable at par on any interest payment date after 1988. Redeemable at maturity in cash and/or company stock or other capital securities, unless issuer opts, prior to June 1989, for cash redemption. Fees 114%.
Copenhagen Handelsbanken	\$100	2000	1/16	100	99.65	Over 6-month Libor. Callable at par in 1988. Fees 0.35%.
Crédit Lyonnais	\$300	2000	1/16	100	99.90	Over 6-month Libor. Callable at par in 1990. Fees 3/16%.
Isoland	\$125	2000	1/4	100	99.82	Over 6-month Libor. Redeemable at par in 1995 and 1997. Callable at par in 1988. Fees 1/4%.
Oesterreichische Volksbank	\$50	1995	1/4	100	—	Over 6-month Libor. Callable at par in 1987. Fees 1/4%.
Ireland	DM 500	1997	1/4	100	99.80	Over 6-month Libor for first 8 years and 1/16 over for the remainder. Callable at par in 1990. Fees 0.14%.
FIXED-COUPON						
Atlantic Richfield	\$250	2000	10 1/4	99 1/4	96.50	Callable at 101 1/2 in 1992.
Denmark	\$100	1992	10 1/4	100 1/4	97.75	Callable at par in 1990. 154% payable on subscription and balance in July 1985.
EdF	\$125	1995	10	99 1/2	97.50	Callable at 101 in 1992.
Escom	\$100	1991	11 1/2	100	98.13	Noncallable.
Ford Motor Credit	\$100	1990	9 1/2	99 1/4	96.63	Noncallable.
Marubeni Finance	\$100	1995	zero	39.15	36.90	Yield 9.83%. Noncallable. Proceeds \$38.7 million. Denominations \$10,000.
Nippon Credit Bank	\$150	1995	10 1/4	100	99.25	Noncallable.
Nippon Kokan	\$50	1990	10	100 1/2	99.88	Noncallable.
Seagram Ltd	\$100	1995	10	100	97.50	Callable at 101 in 1992.
Sonot Finance	\$100	1992	11 1/4	100	101.38	Callable at 101 in 1990.
Roufos Ammunsionsfabrik	DM 30	1995	7 1/2	99 1/2	—	Callable at 101 1/2 in 1992. Private placement.
GMAC U.K. Finance	£30	1990	10 1/4	100	—	Noncallable.
Creditanstalt Bankverein	ECU 67.5	1994	8 1/2	100 1/4	98.50	Noncallable.
Crédit National	ECU 50	1995	8 1/2	100	98.50	Noncallable.
Mitsui Trust Finance	ECU 60	1993	8 1/2	100 1/4	97.75	Noncallable.
Buhrmann-Tetradote	DF 50	1990	7 1/4	99 1/2	99.00	Noncallable private placement.
Australian Industry Development Corp.	Aus\$ 40	1988	12 1/2	100 1/4	99.13	Noncallable.
Chrysler Financial	Aus\$ 45	1992	13 1/4	100 1/4	97.75	Noncallable.
Finance Corp. of New Zealand	Aus\$ 25	1990	14	100 1/4	—	Noncallable.
Security Pacific Australia	Aus\$ 60	1995	13 1/4	100 1/4	98.25	Callable and redeemable at par in 1990 when new terms will be set.
Danish Export Finance Credit	NZ\$ 40	1990	16 1/4	100	98.13	Noncallable.
Denmark	NZ\$ 75	1990	16	100	—	Noncallable.
KB Ifma	NZ\$ 50	1990	16 1/4	100	98.13	Noncallable.
Swedish Export Credit	NZ\$ 50	1990	16	100 1/4	—	Noncallable.
Norske Industribank	NK 200	1993	10	open	—	Callable at 101 1/2 in 1990.
EQUITY-LINKED						
Iseton	\$20	2000	3 1/4	100	—	Semiannually. Callable at 103 in 1990. Convertible at 614 yen per share.
Nippon Kangyo Kokumaru Securities	\$50	2000	open	100	98.25	Coupon indicated at 3%. Callable at 103 in 1990. Convertible at an expected 5% premium. Terms to be set June 13.
Nippon Mining	\$50	1990	open	100	100.00	Coupon indicated at 7 1/4%. Noncallable. Each \$5,000 note with one warrant exercisable into shares at an expected 25% premium. Terms to be set June 13.
Thomson-CSF	\$75	2000	open	100	—	Coupon indicated at 6 1/4-7 1/4%. Callable at 104 in 1988. Convertible at an expected 5-10% premium. Terms to be set June 10.

U.S. Rates Unsettle Eurodollar Trade

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appeal to investors who expect the dollar to decline by asking for only 15 1/2 percent of the purchase price to be paid immediately and the balance in July, 1986. The notes are offered at a price of 100 1/4 bearing a coupon of 10 1/4 percent.

Also tapping the market last week were Sonat Finance, guaranteed by Southwest Natural Gas; Nippon Credit Bank Ltd., and Nippon Kokan K.K.

On Friday, Marubeni Finance NV, an offshore subsidiary of the big Japanese trading company, offered \$100 million of 10-year, zero-coupon bonds — the first from a Japanese-owned entity. Investors are asked to pay 39.15 percent of the face value, or \$3,915 for paper which will be redeemed at maturity for \$10,000. This is the equivalent of earning 9.83 percent a year.

At the time the terms were set, that return was spot on the yield of U.S. Treasury paper. But as Treasury yields rose, the price on Marubeni sank, ending the day down 2 1/4 points. The bonds, guaranteed by Fuji Bank Ltd., are not readily saleable in Japan as the issuing company is not Japanese.

One of the striking events of last week was the rush of issues denominated in high-coupon Australian and New Zealand dollars. The high coupons appeal to speculators who are willing to bet that the inherent weakness of the currencies will be offset when the dollar goes into its expected tailspin.

An array of maturities was available in Australian dollar paper.

Three-year notes (40 million dollars) were offered by Australian Industry Development Corp., priced at 100 1/4 with a coupon of 12 1/2 percent. Finance Corp. of New Zealand, guaranteed by Bristly Investments Ltd. of New Zealand, offered 25 million dollars of five-year, 14-percent notes at a price of 100 1/4.

Security Pacific Australia Ltd. offered 60 million dollars of 10-year bonds at 100 1/4 bearing a coupon of 13 1/4 percent. But for all practical purposes this is a five-year issue as it is callable by the issuer or redeemable by holders after five years, at which time the issuer can set new terms. (Both this issue and AIDC are payable in U.S. dollars at a rate to be set three days before payment. Interest and principal payments by the issuers will be converted to U.S. dollars as the issuers are Australian and subject to domestic exchange controls.) Chrysler Financial Corp. offered

45 million of seven-year notes at 100 1/4 bearing a coupon of 13 1/4 percent. However, the terms were viewed as too aggressive, especially in light of the fact that the issue is subordinated debt.

Overall, however, bankers admitted that placement of the paper was made difficult by the overabundant supply.

For what bankers call "rate hogs," the New Zealand dollar offerings — all with five-year maturities — were more attractive as they bear coupons of 16 percent or more. Swedish Export Credit Corp. sold at 100 1/4, 50 million dollars of 16-percent notes, Denmark offered 75 million dollars with a coupon of

16 percent, Danish Export Finance Credit offered 40 million dollars with a coupon of 16 percent, and Kreditbank NV's KB-Ifma, 50 million with a coupon of 16 percent.

For more conservative investors, the European Currency Unit remained the preferred vehicle. Although coupon levels have been declining, the yield of 8 1/2 percent on eight- to 10-year paper are more attractive than the alternatives in Deutsche marks or guilders. Creditanstalt-Bankverein of Austria and Crédit National of France were the best received, while Mitsui Trust Finance traded outside its total commissions.

Lower Loan Rates Benefit East European Borrowers

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lower than on Sweden's existing \$4-billion note facility.

Elsewhere, East Germany scored a big success enabling it to triple the amount of its syndicated bank credit to \$600 million from the \$200 million initially announced. In addition, only a small fraction of about 13 percent, or \$80 million, has been priced over the prime rate of U.S. banks compared with the expected split of 60-percent Libor/40-percent prime.

For borrowers pay such relatively high rates these days, even though for the East Germans the costs represent a 1/4-point cut from previous loans, which explains the great success.

Hungary also scored big. Demand to participate in its \$300-million, eight-year loan — a co-financing with the World Bank — was such a success that the overloan is being packaged as a separate loan. This was necessary as the co-financed operation could not be increased. The parallel loan will carry identical terms, eight years at 1/4-point over Libor, and is expected to total \$150 million.

Both Hungary and East Germany arranged their terms before it became apparent that lending charges for Eastern Europe were collapsing. This was made evident by Czechoslovakia's split margin of 1/4-point over Libor for the first two years and 1/2-point over for the final six years. That \$100-million loan was more than two times oversubscribed, but will not be increased.

Bulgaria also benefited from the downturn, setting a margin of 1/4-point over Libor for the first four

years and 1/2-point over for the final three years.

Czechoslovakia and Bulgaria benefited from having been out of the market for a long time and being relatively light borrowers. In addition, these are believed to be their only borrowings for this year.

Hungary and East Germany are bigger borrowers and borrow larger sums, making more questionable how much further the margins on their loans can be cut. Nevertheless, insiders say Hungary has been offered terms of 3/4-point to 1/2-point over Libor.

From the Mideast, Al UBAF Arab International Bank in Bahrain is tapping the market for a \$30-million, three-year revolving underwriting facility. The bank will pay an annual fee of 15 basis points and underwriters agree to buy its CDs at a margin of 20 basis points over three- or six-month Libor.

Credit Commercial de France is arranging a seven-year facility for as much as \$200 million. It is paying an annual fee of 10 basis points and underwriters agree to buy its CDs or provide short-term advances at a price of 10 basis points over Libor. If less than one-third of the facility is used, CCF pays an additional utilization fee of 10 basis points. This increases in five-point steps if as much as two-thirds is drawn and if as much as 100 percent is used.

A major development in the market is expected this week, when Banque Nationale de Paris launches an operation designed to turn the backup commitment of underwriting banks into marketable securities.

Jobs Figures Prompt Rise In Major Interest Fees

By Michael Quint

NEW YORK — Interest rates have risen sharply after the Commerce Department announced a larger-than-expected increase in the number of employed workers during May.

Although many economists still said that lower rates were likely this summer, the employment statistics reported on Friday punctured the ebullient mood of the credit markets.

Prices fell Friday by a point or more for all Treasury issues with maturities longer than five years, with 30-year bond prices dropping by 2 points to raise yields to 10.53 percent from 10.32 percent. Treasury bill rates rose more than a quarter of a percentage point in many cases.

The employment statistics — particularly the increase of 345,000 workers on non-farm payrolls — were seen as a sign that the economy was not so weak as expected, and that the Federal Reserve therefore had less immediate reason to ease monetary policy and encourage lower interest rates.

"It looks like we're not going to get the discount rate cut as soon as some folks were betting, but a lot of people are still going to get their profits from this rally and there has been a lot of unloading" by traders and other speculators, one government securities dealer said.

Although the number of jobs in manufacturing declined for the fourth consecutive month, economists said the drop of 28,000 was not enough to offset the sharp gains in service employment. Analysts at R.H. Wrightson, a New York economic analysis firm, concluded that the employment data were "probably robust enough to keep Fed policy on hold awaiting further second-quarter data."

In the Treasury bond market, the bellwether 11 1/2-percent issue due in 2015 was offered at 106 1/2 to yield 10.53 percent, down from a peak price of 109 30-32 to yield 10.17 percent in Wednesday morning's feverish trading, but still well above a May 30 quote of about 104 30-32 to yield 10.69 percent. On March 14, when interest rates were at about their highest levels of this year, the 11 1/2-percent bond was offered at 95 1/4 to yield 11.83 percent.

Rates on Treasury bills rose sharply as traders decided that overnight interest rates were not likely to fall immediately to 7 1/4 percent or less. The overnight rate for bank loans was slightly over 7 1/4 percent Friday, down from the 7.67 percent average for the last two weeks, but that decline was of little importance to traders who estimate that bill rates must be well above 7 percent as long as the overnight rate is above 7 1/4 percent.

By late in the day, three-month Treasury bills were bid at 7.17, up from 6.99 percent, while the six-month bill was bid at 7.29 percent, up from 7.01 percent.

U.S. Consumer Rates

For Week Ended June 9

Passbook Savings	5.50 %
Time Deposit	6.00 %
Bank of America	6.00 %
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SPORTS

Lakers Beat Celtics By 111-100 to Win NBA Championship

By William R. Barnard
The Associated Press
BOSTON — The Los Angeles Lakers, with most valuable player Kareem Abdul-Jabbar leading the way as he did in every victory, ended a generation of futility against the Boston Celtics with a 111-100 victory Sunday that gave them their third National Basketball Association title since 1980.

The Lakers, who won this series 4-games-to-2, now have won nine NBA titles, taking four in Los Angeles and five in Minneapolis. But this was the first over the Celtics in nine meetings since 1959.

For Boston, the defeat broke a streak of never having lost a championship series at home. The Celtics are now 15-2 in NBA finals, the only previous series loss coming in 1958 at St. Louis.

The Celtics were trying to become the first team to repeat as champions since they did it in 1969. They were only the third defending champion in that span to make it back to the finals.

Abdul-Jabbar, who scored 121 points in the Lakers' four victories, got eight of his 29 points Sunday in the first 24 minutes of the third quarter. In that span, the Lakers broke away from a tie at 57, the 20th tie of the game, for a 79-67 lead.

But just as the Celtics did in the fifth game, when they cut Los Angeles' 10-point lead to four before falling short, they rallied. The Celtics had closed to 82-73 by the end of the third period, then outscored the Lakers by 9-4 to start the fourth period, trimming the margin to 86-82 with 8:56 left.

Two free throws each by Abdul-Jabbar and James Worthy, who finished with 28 points, and a driving layup by Kurt Rambis rebuilt Los Angeles' advantage to 92-82 with fewer than seven minutes left to play and Boston got no closer than six of the rest of the way.

Kevin McHale scored a career-high 32 points for the Celtics before fouling out with 5:21 left. Larry Bird added 28, but had another frustrating shooting.

Abdul-Jabbar, at 38 the oldest player in the NBA, clinched his big series with three straight baskets in the final minutes to give the Lakers an insurmountable lead at 109-97. Then, after a foul, he and Earvin "Magic" Johnson embraced in the free throw lane, certain in the knowledge that the years of frustration, particularly last season's seven-game defeat, had ended.

At the final buzzer, after the sell-out crowd of 14,890, which had cheered the Celtics all game, gave both teams an ovation, the Lakers quickly left the floor.

Of the 16 consecutive teams who have not repeated as champions, the Celtics have gone further than

any other. Of the two other defending champions to reach the finals, the Washington Bullets lost by 4-1 to Seattle in 1979 and the Lakers lost by 4-0 by Philadelphia in 1981.

McHale scored 13 points and made five of his six shots in the first period, but the rest of the Celtics were 4-for-19 and Los Angeles led by 28-26 at the end of the quarter. Boston missed seven of its first eight shots, but stayed close with several offensive rebounds and steals. Then McHale made three straight shots for the Celtics, each tying the score.

After Byron Scott and Danny Ainge traded jumper shots for a tie at 12, the fifth tie of the game, Los Angeles scored nine of the next 11 points. Worthy getting four, for a 21-14 advantage. That was the largest lead for either team in the first half. But the Celtics came right back with a 10-2 spurt, with two free throws by McHale giving them their first lead, 24-23.

Boston continued to shoot poorly in the second quarter but stayed close as the Lakers' running game failed to click. Early in the period, the Lakers missed on three straight fast-break opportunities, then Abdul-Jabbar and Magic Johnson sat out the last 5:58 and 2:35 of the half, respectively, with three fouls each.

At halftime it was 55-55, the 13th tie of the second quarter and 19th of the half.

Friday night, Worthy made 13 of 17 shots and scored a career playoff high of 33 points night as the Lakers beat the Celtics, 120-111, in Inglewood, California. Abdul-Jabbar and Johnson joined Worthy with brilliant performances, Johnson getting 26 points and 17 assists while Abdul-Jabbar had 36 points and did a strong job defensively.

After McHale scored 16 points in the first 13 minutes of the game, the Lakers' coach, Pat Riley, Kevin McHale scored a career-high 32 points for the Celtics before fouling out with 5:21 left. Larry Bird added 28, but had another frustrating shooting.

The switch, put 6-foot-8 (2.03-meter) Rambis and the 6-10 Bob McAdoo on the Celtics' 7-0 center, Robert Parish, who went on to score 15 of his team-high 26 points in the second half.

Parish and Bird, who scored 18 of his 20 points in the second half, led a rally that cut the Lakers' 70-52 lead to four points five times in the fourth period. But the Lakers, who went scoreless in the first 3:43 of the final quarter, rediscovered their offense and scored every time their advantage was cut to four.

After Bird's two free throws made it 107-103 with 3:55 left, Abdul-Jabbar sank three shots in a 10-4 spurt that gave the Lakers a 117-107 lead with 1:21 remaining.



Chris Evert Lloyd raised arms in jubilation after hitting winning shot in 6-3, 6-7, 7-5 defeat of Martina Navratilova.

Evert Triumphs in 'One of the Toughest Matches of My Life'

By Samuel Abr
International Herald Tribune
PARIS — Chris Evert Lloyd had not beaten Martina Navratilova in a Grand Slam tennis championship since 1982, but she made up for that dismal record Saturday by winning the French Open singles final in what Evert called "one of the toughest matches of my life."

Evert, 30, who was seeded No. 2, defeated Navratilova, the No. 1 seed and the defending champion, 6-3, 6-7 (4-7), 7-5. Evert came from 0-40 down on her serve, then broke Navratilova to win the last set.

"There are so many places I could point at and say, 'If I had won this, if I had won that,'" Navratilova said ruefully.

The most prominent was the game that gave Evert a 6-5 lead in the final set. As the championship

neared its third hour of play, Evert started her service by double faulting, flubbing the return of a passing shot, then hitting into the net.

At that point, Navratilova had won 11 of the last 13 points and seemed on the verge of the same comeback that let her win the second set tiebreaker after she trailed, 3-1 and 6-5.

But Evert pulled to deuce with the aid of a reflex return at the net that Navratilova just missed hitting back. Next, Evert smashed a backhand into the right corner that Navratilova could not reach, although she was sprawling. Finally, Navratilova netted a forehand.

They battled to deuce in the next game before Navratilova hit a ball over the baseline and Evert put a passing shot down her left-hand line for the championship.

Wilander, Evert Win French Titles

By Greg MacArthur
The Associated Press

PARIS — An aggressive Mats Wilander, taking the net at every chance, roared from behind Sunday to defeat defending champion Ivan Lendl 3-6, 6-4, 6-2 and win the French Open men's singles tennis championship.

It was the Swede's second title at Roland Garros in four years, having won the crown in 1982. When he defeated Argentina's Guillermo Vilas three years ago, Wilander stayed on the baseline. But against Lendl, the 20-year-old Swede fought his way to the net repeatedly, putting away winning volleys. And when he did stay back, he won most of the long-range rallies as he completely dominated the world's No. 2-ranked player.

"I didn't play my best tennis today," Wilander said. "But I played the right tennis on clay against Ivan. My tactics worked 100 percent today."

The strategy was to hit the ball deep and away from Lendl's punishing forehand and to go to the net at every chance.

"I've been working really hard on my volley, and today it worked 100 percent," Wilander said.

"The problem," Lendl conceded, "was that if I played steady from the backcourt, he was taking the short balls and coming to the net. And when I tried to be aggressive, I was missing. So neither strategy took me where I wanted to go."

The last three sets were all Wilander. Seeded fourth in the Grand Slam tournament, he attacked often and wisely, sending home volley winners time and again as Lendl stood helpless at the baseline or was caught going the wrong way at mid-court.

Wilander jumped out to a 2-0 lead in the opening set, holding serve to begin the match at love, then breaking Lendl in the second game. But Lendl broke back in the third game, the final point coming when the Swede double-faulted.

Lendl pulled ahead in the seventh game when he broke Wilander at 30 when the Swede netted a backhand. And, after holding his own serve at 30, Lendl broke Wilander at 15 to close out the set, having won the last three games.

The two began the second set by trading service breaks. The Swede, however, attacking on almost every



Mats Wilander rallied for his 3-6, 6-4, 6-2, 6-2 victory over Ivan Lendl in the French Open.

point, nearly broke Lendl's service in the third game, then finally did in the fifth game. He then held his next three service games to knot the match at one set each.

As he had in the first two sets, the Swede took an early lead in the third set, breaking Lendl in the first set at 15. Lendl complained when a

linesman called the final point wide. He walked to the spot where the ball had landed, apparently agreed with the call, and continued walking off the court, apparently to go to the bathroom.

Lendl broke right back, leveling the set at 1-1, but the 6-foot-1 Czech right-hander never held his serve in the set as Wilander applied constant pressure.

Down two service breaks, Lendl got one of them back in the sixth game when Wilander sailed a forehand long on the second break point. But in a 20-point game, the longest of the match, Wilander broke Lendl again — the fourth time in the set, then held to take a 2-1 lead in sets.

Lendl held at love to open the fourth set, the first time he had held his own service since the ninth game of the second set. But Wilander broke the Czech's serve in the third game, then held at love to take a 3-1 lead.

Lendl never could get back in the match, dropping his serve again in the fifth game. Wilander then closed out the match at 30.

It was Wilander's fifth Grand Slam final and his fourth victory. He has won the Australian Open the last two years and could win a \$1 million bonus if he can capture the men's singles crown at Wimbledon and the U.S. Open this year.

Navratilova, but she added that her problem had been her serve. "My serve failed me. I don't know where my serve is, but it's not here, it's not in France. I can't lose my serve nine times and win a match."

Had she lost, Evert said, "I would have been depressed about tennis. Martina's so dominant and I've been thinking about retiring, so this victory came at a good time."

"I was getting beat pretty badly by her last year and this year it's been closer. It all depends on your confidence."

Speaking of confidence, she said, "I wasn't very confident when I was down 0-40. I kept telling myself I was a little nervous too. I'm proud of how I hung in there. On paper, I lost the match."

SCOREBOARD

Baseball

Friday's and Saturday's Major League Line Scores

AMERICAN LEAGUE
Detroit 5, Toronto 2
Terry, Berenshaw (5) and Parrish, Melvin (6); Siles, Lorne (7); Cozzelli (8) and Whit, 3-4; L-Thurfield, 6-2; HRs-Toronto, 1 (11), Whit (7).
Seattle 6, Cleveland 4
Snyder, Smith (2), Nunez (7), Wade (8) (7) and Kearney; Heath, Thompson (7), Wood (8) and Berlan, Wilentz (4); W-Swift, 1-4; Heath, 4-5; S-Vonoh, 3-2; HRs-Toronto, 1 (11), Whit (7).
Chicago 6, St. Louis 3
Dolan, Spiller (4), Litter (7) and Flak, 3-4; S-Vonoh, 3-2; L-Dolan, 3-4; HRs-Chicago, 1 (11), Whit (7); Flak (14), Soler (4), Minnesota, Gault (1).
Boston 6, Milwaukee 4
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Pittsburgh 5, Philadelphia 3
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